

In reference to the letter of Messrs.
 Patton & Co dated April ^{24th} 26th respecting
 the screw steamers "Egyptian", "Persian",
 & "Assyrian" Monarchs, it is respectfully
 submitted that in the case of the "Egyptian"
 "Monarch" recently launched at Dumbarton
 wooden plugs only are provided for
 preventing the water from finding its
 way on deck through the scuppers.
 The fastenings to the Ports, as described
 by Mr Dodd, and as seen by us, are
 only of a temporary character, liable
 at any time to become unfastened, and
 in the absence of any explanation of
 the necessity for these Ports being now
 retained, it is respectfully submitted
 that the former decision of the Committee
 that they should be permanently closed
 should be adhered to.

28/4/87

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Do the Surveyors mean that the Ports
 are to be riveted up?

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G.L. 28/4/87. In our opinion they should be
 riveted up.

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