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Glasgow, 27th July, 1877.1. Messrs Dobie & Co.,
Gentlemen,

I beg to refer to the memorandum of recommendations sent to you at your request on 15th Ult., and I respectfully remark that when on 24th Inst., I examined the tween decks of the "Simla" I asked to be informed when any other part was ready for survey.

Today I find that the reverse bars in the after hold are being patched with short pieces with a view to the fitting of the middle line keelson, these patches being ended where the original parts are still much wasted. I have also to draw your attention to double ~~big~~ pieces being required by the rules and that a keelson of the size intended requires to be well secured to the floors.

As it is desirable for all concerned that the repairs should be efficiently executed I beg to suggest that no new work be done until the parts in connection therewith be left in a condition satisfactory to the Surveyors, as expressed by the Committee in their letter in this case.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) W. J. Mumford.

2. (Copy)

Glasgow, 3rd August, 1877.

E. Lennox Alexander Esq.,

Dear Sir,

I beg to hand you a copy of a letter which has been forwarded this afternoon to Messrs Dobie & Co. with reference to the survey of the "Simla", and am

P. Your favor of this
date to hand.

Dear Sir,
Your obedient Servant
(Signed) W. J. Mumford.

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Messrs Dobie & Co.,
Gentlemen,

Glasgow, 3rd August, 1877.

As I have already described to Mr. Young how the "Simla" should be prepared for survey, and since pointed out to him, that some of the work he is replacing is not satisfactory, I think it will be unnecessary to attend at the ship until I am informed by him or the owners, when she is prepared, but in the interim I respectfully suggest that no new work be riveted.

I am,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
(signed) W. J. Mumford.

4. (Copy)

Memo.

Glasgow 21st August, 1877
Messrs Dobie & Co.,
Shipbuilders,
Govan.

S. "Simla".

Your Memo. with enclosures (3) to hand.
Please ascertain and mark thickness between partiners and head of old masts, and give description of riveting; whether they have angle irons, doubling &c., with a sectional sketch.

The mast and yard plan is for that purpose returned.

5. (Copy)

Messrs Dobie & Co.
Gentlemen,

Glasgow, 1st Sept^r, 1877.

With respect to your letter of 31st Ult., I beg to inform you that our Visitation Committee have

have made their arrangements to be at Glasgow on Monday 10th Inst. and that any appointment with them for the coming week cannot now be arranged.

Your Mr. Young informed on 28th Ult. that Mr. E. K. Alexander, the owner of the "Simla" would call here on the following morning, to let me know his views as to the classing of that vessel; in his absence I have therefore awaited instructions to proceed with the survey, and if you desire it I will attend on Tuesday.

I am,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
(signed) W. J. Mumford.

6. (Copy)

Glasgow, 14th Sept^r, 1877.

Messrs Dobie & Co.
Gentlemen,

I am in receipt of your favor of 3rd Inst., respecting the "Simla" to which I will, if you desire it, call the Secretary's attention when the Committee arrive.

With reference to the other request in your note desiring that "an outline of all that was to be proposed up to the light water line say 12 feet draught, ere the owner could decide upon proceeding" should be supplied. I must again refer you to the tenor of the Committee's letters in this case, as I still find that you neither prepare the vessel for survey, as from time to time requested, nor do you comply with the recommendation already made, and irrespective of your present request about completing the bottom only, I find you are proceeding with doubling between the light mark and main sheerstrake where the decayed plates have not all been drilled and examined.

examined or the plates already objected to removed.

I would respectfully impress upon you that if you adhere to the course of repairs you are taking the "Simla" cannot be recommended for a class as if you had complied with the Committee's requirements, but I will continue the survey tomorrow from where I left off today through the ship not being properly prepared.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,
(signed) W. J. Mumford.

7. Copy,

Glasgow, 5th Sept^r 1877.

C. Kennox Alexander Esq.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of this date to which, I respectfully reply, that having read over to you today, the Committee's letters of 14th and 16th June and 10th July (of which you have already had copies) and also referred you to my letter of 14th Inst., then in your hands, there appears to be no way of withdrawing any of the Committee's requirements which are so plainly set forth in their letters.

The remarks made by you today, that it would be wasting my time to proceed with the survey of the Ship under the above requirements, I noted, and as you then promised to inform me what decision you arrived at, as to still seeking a class for the "Simla," you will oblige by sending me a definite reply to place before the Committee.

I am, Sir

Your obedient servant,
(signed) W. J. Mumford.

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Glasgow, 7th Sept^r 1877.

"Simla"
Messrs Dobie & Co.,
Gentlemen,

I beg respectfully to inform you that further survey on the "Simla" is deferred until the previous recommendations respecting the bottom below light line and elsewhere, which have been disregarded, are complied with.

The attention of the Committee will be directed to the subject, in due course.

I am,

Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
(Signed) W. F. Mumford.

(Copy)

Glasgow, 7th Sept^r 1877.

"Simla"
E. H. Alexander Esq.

Dear Sir,

I beg to hand you the copy of a letter posted today to Messrs Dobie & Co., and am,

Dear Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
(Signed) W. F. Mumford.

10. (Copy)

Glasgow, 19th Sept^r 1877.

"Simla"
E. Lennox Alexander Esq.,

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your favor

favor of 18th Instant, with its enclosure, and I regret that I should again have to remind you of the requirements of the Committee and their subsequent letter of 10th June wherein they state — "that no diminution of the Committee's requirements can be sanctioned to render this vessel eligible for classification in the Register Book as contemplated."

I must respectfully decline to trouble the Committee with needless correspondence as I am in a position to state that the above expressions are adhered to, irrespective of the recommendations which it has been found necessary to make during the survey, so far as it proceeded until it was found these were not complied with.

Neither the Committee nor the Surveyors can form an accurate opinion of the condition of an old ship, from such a description on paper as you have forwarded, this remark accords with the substance of the Committee's letter of 10th July, and I again respectfully remind you that the "Simla" is not being surveyed for classification in Lloyd's Register.

The account for the survey as far as it proceeded has been forwarded to you.

I am,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,
(signed) H. J. Mumford.

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Glasgow, 21st Sept. 1877.

C. Lennox Alexander Esq.,
Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 20th Inst., with reference to the "Simla", in reply to which, I desire respectfully to intimate that any further correspondence in this matter should be made direct with the Committee under whose instructions I carry out my duties to the best of my ability;

and am,

Dear Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(signed) H. J. Mumford.



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