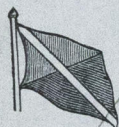


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To the Secretary,

Lloyd's Register of British and Foreign Shipping,
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Dear Sir,

— "Cedarbank" —

We are in receipt of your letter of 16th inst; repeating a cablegram you had just received from your Surveyor at Cape Town from which it seems he is anxious to avoid drydocking the ship, his reasons for this we cannot understand, for surely if Divers report her bottom very bare, which was covered three months previously with three coats of Van Hoelings enamel composition, something must have rubbed the paint off, and as the ship has never taken the ground, since being painted there is nothing left to have done this damage except the wreckage of the masts and spars pounding underneath the ships bottom.

We enclose you extract of a letter we wrote to the Salvage Association which after perusing are sure you will decide that the ship must be drydocked. Your Surveyor repairing the mainmast at Cape Town we cannot understand as since last writing you we have received a letter from our Superintendent whom we sent

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out there in which he says:- "I find that the mainmast
"itself is very defective and we will need new Tresslekeys as
"well as a new sling Band, and also an entire new top"
"and to effect these repairs here the mast will have to be "
"unshipped". The master also writes in one of his letters:- "The
"mainmast is to be unshipped for re-rivetting." Surely a
mast damaged to this extent ought to have been con-
demned, however, we have no time now to send out
a new mast therefore your surveyor must report on
this defective mast either that it has been only temporarily
repaired, or that it is to be further examined on the
arrival home of the ship. We must have this Report
to protect us from having to bear the expense ourselves
of putting in a new mainmast on the ships arrival
home.

Yours faithfully,



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