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West Hartlepool.

20th March 1898

Charles Burney & Charles Newling

Messrs Furness Withy & Co
examine their steel screw steamer
designated N^o 231 named "Victoria",
while lying afloat at their ship-
yard quay at Hartlepool on the
11th December 1897 and subsequently
afloat in the Central Basin West
Hartlepool, for the purpose of
ascertaining the amount of damage
stated to have been sustained by
the vessel, through having been
struck aft by the steamer "Albana",
of Sunderland on the 11th December
1897.

On examination the undersigned
found the rudder had been struck
at upper part, bending the single
plate of the rudder; and inboard
the cast steel tiller broken off
close to the base of the cross beam;
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the cast steel quadrant broken at end of centre arm against the bow of the quadrant; the bow of the quadrant also fractured on std. side; the spring buffers strained with one link shackle attached to them fractured. The steering engine being adjacent to and working direct on the rudder quadrant, had taken up the strain causing this damage. Recommended rudder, rudder head and pulleys be removed, and on further examination found the arm of the rudder frame set of the plate where bent, and the rivets started in the two upper arms.

Recommended the rudder plate be faired as far as practicable, the two upper arms be re-riveted, and rudder be replaced. The cast steel tiller and cast steel quadrant with the buffer springs be renewed. The steering engine be dismantled and thoroughly overhauled. To admit of lifting the rudder, port plating top of wheel house & stuffing box to rudder head to be removed and replaced.

In addition to above, further recommended

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(Victoria)

recommended the vessel be placed
in dry dock, for examination of
the stern frame and rudder
gudseons, below the water line.
These repairs to be done in such
a manner as to place the vessel
in the same good and efficient
condition, as she was in previous
to the damages in question being
sustained; and the recommendations
herein made, to be carried out
so as to render the vessel
eligible for her contemplated
class, in the Society's Register
Book.

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