

## IRON SHIPS.

Compared with the States and Table of 300 tons & A grade

Survey held at Birkenhead Date April 28<sup>th</sup> 1864  
 the Saddle-wheel ship Alexander Master T. Gibbons  
 Tonnage Gross 363 <sup>8</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Engine Room 238 <sup>45</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Register 124 <sup>63</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Built at Birkenhead  
 When Built 1863 Launched Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> 1864 By whom built Messrs Laird & B.  
 Owners James Stuart Port belonging to Liverpool Destined Voyage Calcutta  
 If Surveyed Afloat or in Dry Dock On the Building Slip & in dry dock

| Length aloft .....  | Feet. 157 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>         | Inches. 110  | Extreme Breadth ....   | Feet. 25 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>  | Inches. 110  | Depth from top of Upper Deck }<br>Beam to top of Floor .....  | Feet. 14 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>   | Inches. 110  | Power of Engines....  | Horse. 200  |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|---|---|--|---|---|
| Distance of Frames or Ribs from moulding edge to moulding edge, all fore and aft  |  |  | Inches in Ships.   | 21   |  | Inches required per Rule.   | 21  |  |   |   |
| Floors, Size of Angle Iron, and No. One at bottom of Floor Plate  | 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>                  | 2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>  | 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>   | 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>  | 2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>  | 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>  | Stem, if bar iron, moulding and thickness .....   | 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>                          | 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>   | 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>   |
| " depth and thickness of Floor Plate at mid line  | 15   | x  | 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>   | 16 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>   | x  | 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>  | " " K plate iron, breadth and thickness .....   | 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>                          | 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>   | 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>   |
| " depth and thickness of Floor Plate at Bilge Keelson   | 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>                  | x  | 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>   | 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>  | x  | 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>  | Stern-post, if bar iron, moulding and thickness .....   | 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>                          | 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>   | 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>   |
| " Size of Reversed Angle Iron, and No. One at top of Floor Plate  | 2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>                  | 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>  | 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>   | 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>  | 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>  | 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>  | Keel, if bar iron, depth and thickness size 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>   | 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>                          | 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>   | 1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>   |
| Frames, Size of Angle Iron, single or double  | 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>                  | 2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>  | 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>   | 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>  | 2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>  | 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>  | " " K plate iron, breadth and thickness .....   | 23 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>                         | 8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>  | 22 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>  |
| to above the bilge and to gunwale on every alternate frame  | 2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>                  | 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>  | 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>   | 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>  | 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>  | 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>  | Garboard Plates,  |  |   |   |
| Beams, Deck (N. ) double Angle Iron, Plate, or Bulb Iron  | 6  | x  | 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>   | 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>  | x  | 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>  | Breadth and thickness .....   | wide   | 24  | 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>   |
| " " double or single Angle Iron, on upper edge  | 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>                  | 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>  | 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>   | 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>  | 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>  | 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>  | From Garboard to upper part of Bilge .....  |  | 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>  | —   |
| " " average space between   | 42   | —  | —  | 42   | —  | —   | From upper part of Bilge to Sheerstrakes .....  |  | 8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>  | —   |
| " " if wood (N. ) sided & moulded   | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —   | Sheerstrakes,   |  | 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>  | —   |
| Hold, or Lower Deck (N. ) double Angle Iron, Plate, or Bulb Iron  | 5  | 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>  | 8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>   | 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>  | x  | 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>  | Breadth and thickness .....   | wide   | 24  | 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>   |
| " " double or single Angle Iron on edge .....   | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —   | Butt Straps to outside plating,   |  | 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>  | —   |
| " " average space between .....   | 42   | —  | —  | 84   | —  | —   | Breadth and thickness .....   | wide   | 24  | 10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>   |
| " " if wood (N. ) sided & moulded   | —  | —  | —  | —  | —  | —   | Plankshears .....   | none   | —   | —   |
| Paddle, wood, sided and moulded, or if Iron, size of Plate .....  | T  | plate 12 x 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub> angle iron 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> x 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> x 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>   | —  | —  | —  | —   | Gunwale Plate or Stringer on ends of Up. Dk Beams   | middle ends  | 22  | 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>  |
| Engine " " " "  | 20   | plate 8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub> and 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub> on top, has angle iron 5 x 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> and 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> x 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>           | —  | —  | —  | —   | Angle Iron on ditto .....   | middle   | 18  | 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>  |
| Keelson, single plate, box, or intercostal  | Size of Plates .....                           | 23   | 8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>   | —  | 22 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>   | x   | 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>  | Diagonal Tie Plates on Beams                           |   | 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>   |
| " Size of Angle Irons .....   | 3 x 3 x 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>         | —  | —  | 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>  | 3  | 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>  | Waterway .....  |  | 9   | 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>  |
| Ditto Bilge (No. even side of Double angle iron 4 x 3 x 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub> ) Coal bunks the angle iron is on in way of 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> x 3 x 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub> | 5  | 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>  | 8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>   | 3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>  | 3  | 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>  | Iron plates   |  | 9   | 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>  |
| Transoms, material or, if none, in what manner compensated for.   | Knight-heads, and Hawse Timbers                | By plates and frames & rear houses   | The Frames or Ribs extend in one length from Keelson, how are the various lengths of plates or angle irons connected? By plates and frames & rear houses   | Reel   | to Gunwale   | The reverse angle irons on the floors extend in one length across the middle line from  | Reel  | to Gunwale   | Deck .....  | 2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>   |
| Keelson, how are the various lengths of plates or angle irons connected?  | By plates and frames & rear houses             | Plates, Garboard, double or single riveted to keel & at upper edge, with rivets (1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> ins.) diameter averaging (3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> ins.) from centre to centre of rivet. | Edges from Garboards to upper part of bilge, worked carvel with a lining piece (1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> ins.) thick, double or single riveted; rivets (3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> ins.) diameter, averaging (2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ins.) from centre to centre of rivets. | Butts from Keel to turn of bilge, worked carvel with a lining piece (1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> ins.) thick, double or single riveted; rivets (3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> ins.) diameter, averaging (2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ins.) from centre to centre of rivets. Do the lining pieces lap over and rivet through the lands of the stake below? yes. | Edges from bilge to sheerstrake, worked carvel with a lining piece (1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> ins.) thick, or clencher, double or single riveted; rivets (3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> ins.) diameter, averaging (2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ins.) from centre to centre of rivets. Do the lining pieces lap over and rivet through the lands of the stake below? of stake below | Edge of Sheerstrake, double or single riveted? Single, and compensated for by lap butt strap, double riveted above and below the lens | Butts from bilge to plankshears, worked carvel with a lining piece (1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> ins.) thick, double or single riveted; rivets (3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> ins.) diameter averaging (2 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> ins.) from centre to centre of rivets. Breadth of laps in double rivetting (4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> ) Breadth of laps in single rivetting (2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> ) | How secured to the sides of the ship? By double frame. | size of vertical angle iron and their distance apart 3 x 3 x 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub> about 2-6 | ripped through plates with (3/4 in.) rivets, about (1 1/2) apart.       |
| Planksheer, how secured to the plating of the sides   | Explain by sketch if necessary.                | See sketch on the other side   | Deck Beams, how secured to the side?   | By three plates forced out of bulb iron beams.   | Stringers in Hold .....  | none  | Deck, Lower .....   | Rear form 2 up 1 1/2                                   | Deck, Upper, how fastened to Beams By nut and screw.  | throughout to above the bilges, and on the alternate frames to gunwale. |
| Waterway .....  | planksheer and to the Beams                    |  | Deck Beams Clamps or Spisketting .....   |  | Stringers in Hold .....  | none  | Deck, Lower .....   | Rear form 2 up 1 1/2                                   | Deck, Upper, how fastened to Beams By nut and screw.  | By Batt Straps double riveted.  |
| Deck Beams, how secured to the side?  | By three plates forced out of bulb iron beams. |  | Deck Beams Clamps or Spisketting .....   |  | Stringers in Hold .....  | none  | Deck, Lower .....   | Rear form 2 up 1 1/2                                   | Deck, Upper, how fastened to Beams By nut and screw.  | By Batt Straps double riveted.  |
| Hold or Lower Deck .....  | A  | A  | Deck Beams Clamps or Spisketting .....   |  | Stringers in Hold .....  | none  | Deck, Lower .....   | Rear form 2 up 1 1/2                                   | Deck, Upper, how fastened to Beams By nut and screw.  | By Batt Straps double riveted.  |
| Paddle .....  | By angle iron                                  |  | Deck Beams Clamps or Spisketting .....   |  | Stringers in Hold .....  | none  | Deck, Lower .....   | Rear form 2 up 1 1/2                                   | Deck, Upper, how fastened to Beams By nut and screw.  | By Batt Straps double riveted.  |
| No. of breasthooks .....  | crutches                                       | how are pointers compensated? All fore & aft to be connected at his ends   | Deck Beams Clamps or Spisketting .....   |  | Stringers in Hold .....  | none  | Deck, Lower .....   | Rear form 2 up 1 1/2                                   | Deck, Upper, how fastened to Beams By nut and screw.  | By Batt Straps double riveted.  |
| What description of iron is used for the angle iron and plate iron in the vessel? Principally from Builder's Signature  |  |  | Deck Beams Clamps or Spisketting .....   |  | Stringers in Hold .....  | none  | Deck, Lower .....   | Rear form 2 up 1 1/2                                   | Deck, Upper, how fastened to Beams By nut and screw.  | By Batt Straps double riveted.  |

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**Workmanship.** Are the lands or laps of the clenchwork in all cases in breadth at least five times the diameter of the rivets in double riveted edges and butts, and at least three times the diameter of the rivets where single riveting is admitted? yes.

Do the edges of the carvel work and of the butts fay close together throughout their length without requiring any making good of deficiencies? yes.

Do the fillings between the ribs and plates fill in solid with single pieces, or are they in short lengths of various thicknesses? esolid

Do the holes for rivetting plate to frames, lining pieces, or plate to plate, &c., conform well to each other? yes. and are the rivet holes well and sufficiently countersunk in the outer plate? generally very good

Are there any rivets which either break into or have been put through the seams or butts of the plating? very few in Butts only

Her Masts, Yards, &c., are in good condition, and sufficient in size and length.

She has SAILS.

One Jib and  
Some stays  
and

N<sup>o</sup>.  
Fore Sails,  
Fore Top Sails,  
Fore Topmast Stay Sails,  
Main Sails,  
Main Top Sails,

| CABLES, &c.   | Fathoms. | Inches. |
|---|----------|---------|
| Public Test M. C. 44<br>Certificate Provened On 205 <sup>ft</sup> 210 ✓ | 240      | 1 5/16  |
| Chain Test 31 <sup>ft</sup> 5 <sup>in</sup>                             |          |         |
| Hempen Stream Cable .....   |          |         |
| Hawser .....  |          |         |
| Towlines .....  | 90       | 7 1/2   |
| Warp .....  | 90       | 5 1/2   |
| All of <u>good</u> quality.   |          |         |

Grotonian's patent  
ANCHORS, and their weights.

| No.   | Weight. |
|---|---------|
| public prov m. C. 31 ft<br>Certificate Provened On 188 <sup>ft</sup> 18 <sup>ft</sup> 6 <sup>in</sup> | 16-3    |
| Bower, and Tack 188 <sup>ft</sup> 18 <sup>ft</sup> 6 <sup>in</sup>                                    | 17-0    |
| 188 <sup>ft</sup> 18 <sup>ft</sup> 6 <sup>in</sup>  | 16-1    |
| Stream, Common On 2. 51000 <sup>ft</sup>  | 6-2     |
| Kedge, 11 <sup>ft</sup> - 11 <sup>ft</sup>  | 3-1     |

Her Standing and Running Rigging of Hemp & wire sufficient in size and good in quality.

She has One Life Long Boat and one other

The present state of the Windlass is good and Capstan good Iron and Rudder good Pumps One pump in each Compartment  
3 in N. and 3 in fore Bullock

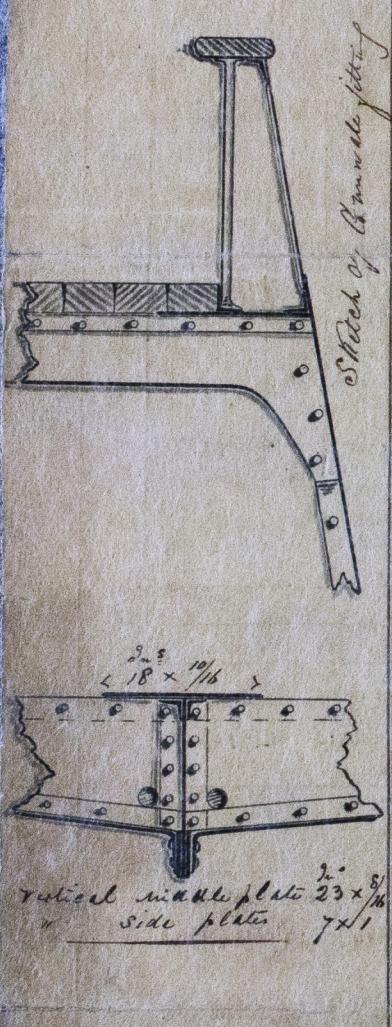
General Remarks, Statement and Date of Repairs, extent of corrosion (if any) both internally and externally, and condition of rivets.

DATES of Surveys held while building, as per Section 17.

- 1st. On the several parts of the frame, when in place, and before the plating was wrought  
2nd. On the plating during the progress of rivetting  
3rd. When the beams were in and fastened, and before the decks were laid  
4th. When the ship was complete, and before the plating was finally coated  
5th. After the ship was launched

Under Special  
Survey the whole  
time of Building  
from Oct<sup>26</sup> 1864

This vessel is very well built; - The lower edge of Shear strake single riveted, and as Compensation the butt strips are carried down over the strake below, also the strake of second strake extended above the lower part of Shear strake and double riveted the respective strakes as allowed by the Committee in their Letter to Builders.  
In other respects it will be seen that she is equal to, or in excess of the requirements of the Rules for the tonnage.



In what manner are the surfaces preserved from oxidation? By paint, and Portland Cement in flat of bottom.

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I am of opinion this Vessel should be classed

The amount of the Fee £ 11 : 0 : 0 is received by me,

Special £ 18 : 3 : " 29/4/64

Certificate (if required) £ 6/0

Committee's Minute April 30th May 1864.

Character assigned A

Built under S.S.

M.C. 1864. (A & C.P.)



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