





and that he then had ordered his crew to throw some of the Ballast overboard and would now be glad <sup>to</sup> advice & assist him to get the Ship off the ground; On examination of the position of the Ship; I found that she was lying on about level keel on hard ground (on said ground about 18 inches soft mud), and the position of the Ship consequently not very dangerous; but as the tides were broken off, the position could become more dangerous when she ought to lay there for another 4 or 5 days, I advised the Master to blow the boilers down and to throw as much ballast as ever possible, so as to lighten the Ship. The Boilers then were blown down and extra men employed to discharge ballast the whole day out of fore and aft hatches. At 6 p. M. the Tugboats were ordered by the Pilot to recommence their work and at 7<sup>h</sup> 30' the Ship got afloat (about high water) and anchored in a safe place; at 8<sup>h</sup> 30' p. M. sounded the pumps in all compartments and found that the Ship made no water, at 9 o'clock I left the Ship.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> early in the morning started for Lillo, and arrived on board at 9 a. M. sounded all the pumps and found the Ship tight, then examined all the compartments carefully but <sup>found</sup> no damage or straining whatever, on examination of the equipment found one Boiler short (which according to Masters declaration was lost coming up the river. Scheldt bound to Antwerp), lost, when trying to get the Ship off the ground; one Tredge; parted three times a 14" Hauler, parted and shaped a 7" and a 5" Warp, and destroyed several ropes of less size, and the Windlass a little damaged on starboard side caused by the chain when letting go the Anchor, but this damage is of very small importance. The Ship were supplied with ballast in place of that which had been thrown overboard; with a new manilla 7" Hauler and had the Windlass repaired by the Ships Engineers, and then proceeded on her voyage at the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. 1<sup>h</sup> 45' p. M.

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