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Port of Singapore
26th April 1879.

This is to certify that I Charles Fittock the undersigned Surveyor to this Society did at the request of Captain J. Powers proceed on board the British steamer *Typhatrice* now lying at New Harbour Dock Wharf found from the present Captain who brought the vessel into this Port that the ship had experienced a heavy cyclone doing the following damage carrying away the steering wheel and all the bearings for the rods. The stuffing box on the rudder head the bolts broken off The guard rails wood and Iron and guard stanchions right fore and aft broken or bent on Port side 4 of the boats davits are broken off the remainder bent badly 3 Peak boats washed over board 2 strokes of deck plank in wake of Boats davits sockets badly split and the awning deck planking started up in many places the Ventilators off and on the bridge badly buckled one accommodation ladder and gillings lost one broken The doors of the cargo ports badly bent and started from the hinges.

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On further examination I find the Engine room skylight started, doors washed away the skylight to after cabin washed away and all the cabin gillings broken or spoilt the Bollard heads and fair leaders are also started I recommend the main mast to be taken out the head being defective also the Foremast to be taken out it having been chafed badly by the Gaff breaking loose in the Cyclone I recommend boats chocks to be fitted

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for the 2 life boats to enable them to be carried inside I also find the cutter so much damaged I recommend a new one to be built the others two bowed boat to be repaired the standing rigging stranded in several places The cast iron loose flanges outside the hawse pipes are worn out. I recommend new ones cast thicker and put on.

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Chas Pittcock

I have again visited the vessel and find the hull inside very much corroded caused by the rice getting wet I recommend it to be sealed and painted the ceiling lifted to examine the cement some rivets require to be replaced all round the ship about 60 in chs as they are loose also the outside shell chipped from gunwale to lead line badly corroded in many places on examining the fore mast I recommend a new one to be made the mizen mast being decayed at the head only I recommend it to be cut off as they complain of her having too heavy a rig aft as the repairs are well forward I recommend her to be docked for further examination and new hen coops to be made it having been washed overboard

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The vessel now being in dry dock I recommend the Bow plate in the 3rd Strake above the keel on Starboard side be replaced with new one the edges being worn away a shoe to be fitted on the Stem the plate ends being worn away with the chain cable the rudder to be lifted and ferrules shrunk on and a washer placed under the lower pinule there are several of the butts in the bilge of the vessel slightly leaking I recommend them to be caulked and the bottom painted.

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15th May 1879

Chas Pittcock

I have again visited the vessel and find all the above recommendations completed to my satisfaction also all the deck gear repaired or renewed the ships outfit repaired or restored a new after piece of main shaft has been fitted and the propeller fixed on it having been strained in the cyclone as per Engineers Certificate attached She is now in a good and efficient condition and in my opinion fit to remain as classed

Singapore
4th June 1879

Chas Pittcock



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