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7 August 1869

Sir

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th Inst^t referring to one addressed by us Messrs Richardson Duck & Co Shipbuilders Stockton, respecting the Crosshead or coupling, of the Steering Apparatus now being fitted at Ship "Severnake".

We note the remarks made by you & the number of practical tests this mode has already gone through, but we are still of the same opinion that the Cross head in question should be made of Malleable Iron, or an arrangement made for fitting a separate titlar of that metal.

The Vessel will leave the North for London in a few days when the Report will be forwarded to the Committee describing this Crosshead.

It is for them to decide whether this metal is suitable for the purpose now applied.

We should esteem it a favour if you would forward one of your plates of the Steering apparatus.

We are

Sir
Yours respectfully
Signed J. P. Shadstone
J. W. Bonniwell

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