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West Hartlepool  
2<sup>nd</sup> August 1869

Gentlemen

We beg respectfully to call your attention to the crop head you are now having fitted on the Rudder head of Ship No. 152 we find it consists of cast metal which we consider highly objectionable there being no tiller fitted to steer the vessel with in the event of the crop head breaking.

We now recommend that the crop head be laid aside & replaced with one of malleable iron fitted with a more substantial socket for portable tillar. We should have no objection to the crop head in question providing there was a separate tillar fitted this cannot now be done, the rudder head being cut short. There are other matters requiring your attention which has been pointed out to your Manager for space.

Signed J. P. Gladstone  
" K. W. Bonniwell

Messrs Richardson, Duck & Co.

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