

Extracts from letters from J. W. Dixon Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Agent at Liverpool for "Stimms" Steering Apparatus.

Liverpool 26<sup>th</sup> May 1869.

"I am in receipt of your favor of the 21<sup>st</sup> instant and I note what you say in regard to Richardson Duck & Co's letter."

"I handed your letter to my friend <sup>Captain Foylor</sup> and I am glad to say his confidence never was shaken. He was on board the "Mikado" and was told by the mate that "no ship ought to go to sea without one". and who spoke most highly of it.

Liverpool 29<sup>th</sup> May 1869.

"Captain Foylor will have it / Stimms Steering Apparatus / applied provided you will make a slight alteration in shape of cast iron coupling, he does not require it to be wrought iron."

Liverpool 10<sup>th</sup> June 1869.

"Captain Foylor has again called and has determined to have Stimms Patent even with the cast iron coupling provided you will write a letter guaranteeing the cast iron coupling will not break or split under ordinary circumstances of wear and tear."

Liverpool 21<sup>st</sup> June 1869.

"Captain Foylor writes in the following terms to Messrs Richardson and Duck - "I have a satisfactory letter from Mr. Hopcraft respecting the patent steering gear, & which Mr. Brown approves, therefore perhaps you will order one at once as Mr. Hopcraft wished to have time to get the new pattern for the extra strong coupling." -

True & exacts.

W. Hopcraft  
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