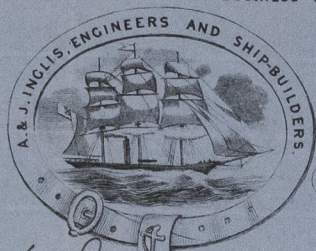


SHIPBUILDING YARD POINTHOUSE,

ENGINE WORKS, WHITEHALL FOUNDRY,



Pointhouse Ship Yard

Glasgow 6th Oct. 1869

Messrs Lloyd's Surveyors
Glasgow -

Gentlemen,

The alterations which we are at present making on the S.S. "Earl King" will increase her tonnage by about 400 tons, and according to the rules, the chain cables ought to be $1\frac{3}{4}$ " dia instead of $1\frac{1}{2}$ " as at present. Being confident that the chains we originally supplied to the ship were of excellent quality we selected one length which had been damaged, and had it tested to breaking strain. It broke at 63 tons - a high strain considering that it had been previously injured.

We would propose therefore that the testing of the other 275 fathoms be dispensed with, as they have already been tested to 57 tons as prescribed by the rule.

We consider that the vessel will be more easily held after the alterations we intend

making, as we shall reduce the masts and yards
very considerably. we would therefore submit that
the vessel's class be continued without any alter-
ation being made on the anchors.

We are informed by the Captain that he
has never had any trouble with the ground tackle
and that the vessel has never dragged her anchors
although she has ridden out several typhoons
in Chinese waters -

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Yours faithfully,

A & J. Inglis
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