

the main points which must  
be settled before the laying  
of the keel can be proceeded  
with & I want to know whether  
the arrangement as shown  
in the drawing of the sliding  
keel with due regard to ~~determen-~~  
sion allow sufficiently  
as regards strength.

Mr Martin whom I found  
in the board room on leaving  
you & to whom I put this  
question was understood  
by me to say that he ~~thought~~  
there was sufficient allowance  
for strength in the drawing  
however I should like you  
to refer definitely to this  
point in your reply or else  
I can't commence the work.

London 4 Novr 1869

George B Sneyd Esq  
Secretary to  
Lloyd's Register Shipping  
London

Sir,  
I beg once more to  
express my thanks for  
the prompt attention you  
have paid to my request  
this morning & beg to lead  
your attention once more  
upon that point of the  
decision of the Board which  
says: We approve of the  
principle of the sliding keel  
provided it is applied in  
sufficient strength.  
Now this provided is one of



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Mr. O'Connell

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Sliding Keel



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What time the Duncans & Co. on the boat  
Haven used to Mr. O'Connell

Nov 3 4/10

W. O'Connell

The only addition we can make to our former  
remarks to say upon this subject is to advise  
that a sketch for permission by the Sliding  
Keel upon a scale of 2000 feet to a foot, with all the  
detailed particulars of the various buildings  
& the different parts of the structure

Your most obedt servant

I am Sir,  
W. O'Connell

W. O'Connell

Should you have sent the letter to me  
before this reaches you perhaps you write  
me again on the point tomorrow either  
direct or through your Liverpool office