

Lloyd's Surveyors Office.

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London

Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 30<sup>th</sup> Ultimo respecting the alterations and lengthening of the bow for the "Albanian" Report No 4117. I am not aware of <sup>any</sup> serious deviation from the suggestions of the Committee with only one exception viz. the fitting of double angle iron hold straps - and I would here remark, that the first Entry Report did not properly describe the vessel, and that when the Committee views were forwarded they were based on that report & supposed section of steamed as submitted from this office 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. 71.

When the vessel was under survey, in addition to the clamp plate & angle irons on same between decks, another clamp plate was found in the vessel under the hold beams & which has been continued through the lengthened part & Mr. Brown the managing owner was greatly against adding more weight in the vessel than required, & the clamp plate was allowed as equivalent for the double angle iron straps. I may add that the frames are  $\frac{1}{16}$  thicker at new part than proposed & that the vessel has 48 frames more than req<sup>d</sup> by the present rules with beams in equal proportion. I am, Sir, your obedient servant

M Davidson