

5. New Iron vessel No 61 building  
by Mr Lawrie

Having seen the Model referred  
to, it is respectfully submitted that the  
mode of strengthening the cracked parts  
of the Reversed frames is that usually  
adopted, and would not be objectionable,  
if confined to a few only. But it is  
suggested that where so many as  
36 reversed frames are cracked, as  
stated, a fair inference may be  
drawn that the iron is not of so  
good a quality as required for the  
purpose. This probably is the prin-  
cipal reason of Mr Besant's recom-  
mendation to renew them. It may  
also be remarked that the combination  
of the Frames, Reversed frames & Floors,  
as shown in the Model submitted, may  
possibly show the case more favourably  
than it is in the ship; and it is  
considered Mr Besant should inform  
the Committee of the grounds of his re-  
commendation and whether he has  
seen the Model.