

Ship Building Yard,
Greenock, 23. Aug 1875

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Messrs Lloyd's Surveyors

Dear Sirs,

We are at present building
a steamer N. 199 to be classed in your Book
100 A1 under special survey. The owner proposes
to supply the chain cables ^{of Norwegian iron} at a considerably
increased cost over the price of English cables.

He wishes to know whether you will accept
the test certificate given by the officials of the
Norwegian Dockyard at Horten in place of that
of our Board of Trade. The price of these
cables is at the rate of £35 per ton exclusive
of freight: whereas the present price of tested
chain cable in England is £17.10s. per ton. The
owner is willing to pay this extra price to
ensure a particularly good quality & as this
is also to the advantage of your constituents
and as no reduction in scantling is asked in
consideration of this extra quality we trust your
will consent to accept the Norwegian certificate.

Awaiting the favour of an early reply
we are
Yours faithfully
R. Caird & Co
Robert Caird

24 particulars of Ship & Discharge
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