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Dear Sir:—

I beg respectfully to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst, respecting the "Medusa's" survey fees.—

I regret to learn that you still think the charges in dispute, do not come within the scope of the Rules quoted in my letter of the 3rd inst:—

I know you will admit that I am bound to read the rules, in accordance with the construction put upon them by the Committee.— My Colleagues agree with me that the fees in question are strictly in accordance with the Committee's interpretation of the Rules, and precedent in many similar cases, at this and other ports; and that I should not have been justified in submitting the report on the vessel for consideration without making these customary charges.—

I may mention that in fixing the amount of the special survey fees in this case,—

I took into consideration the fact, that I was bound by the Rule to charge £3-0-0 for registering the repairs; otherwise the very small charge of One guinea, for the Surveyors' attention to the case, would have been quite inadequate, where the repairs effected to vessels were not very extensive, I believe the Committee would agree with me that that was a judicious course to pursue; i.e. In a case such as this, to make the total charge somewhat commensurate with the services rendered, by which a strict fulfillment of the rules is attained, without making the whole amount of fees unfairly heavy.

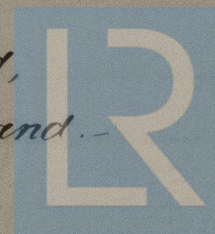
I remain,

Dear Sir,

Yours obediently

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