

Deptford Yard.  
Sunderland 16<sup>th</sup> May 1876  
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Dear Sirs

In the Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Weymouth dated the 9<sup>th</sup> inst a copy of which you sent to me, it is said the Committee desire to be informed the grounds of my objection to the Registration of the repairs of the "Medusa". I have therefore to say it is because of its being of no value to the ship or to any one interested, and my objection is still greater when I am called upon to pay for that which is of no value and which I do not want. Further, because the practice of the Society has not been to charge a Registration fee and particularly so in cases of repairs of a trifling character, as evidenced by very many cases which can be adduced. If any repairs done under the inspection of Lloyd's Surveyors were required to be Registered a special page or column would have to be appropriated to some vessels whose ill luck in the course of a year render several surveys and consequent repairs necessary; moreover I object to pay on the score that there is no rule to require it; in Section 27, the fees referred to in clauses I & II are chargeable, "prior to vessels being classed

and Registered in the Book". This registration therefore is clearly not applicable to the "Medusa", which is already classed, but <sup>is intended</sup> ~~and~~ to apply to vessels which neither are, nor have been, in the Book, but which seek entry or re-entry (as the case may be) and for which repairs are necessary. And further, as a question of Policy to the Society I think it injurious to its interests to seek to charge for trifling repairs so large an amount as claimed in this instance, and which charge would in many instances amount to from 10 to 15 per cent or more, on the cost of repairs, and greatly exceed the charge made by other surveyors whether belonging to Classification Societies or to Insurance Companies. I have therefore again respectfully to decline to pay the Registration fee for the "Medusa" — at the same time I am quite prepared to act upon the concluding portion of my letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst.

I am Dear Sirs

Yours truly

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