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Steam Steamer "Medusa" of 1180 tons
built at Sunderland in 1862 and
classed 90 A 1 "Running deck."

This vessel has been repaired
in consequence of damage, and a
load line has been marked on
her as required by the Committee,
and she appears to be capable to
remain as classed, and as recommended
by the Surveyors.

The local Surveyors at the request
of the Owner, surveyed the vessel for
damage, and furnished a damage
Report to him. They also sur-
veyed the vessel during the progress
of the repairs, for which services the
following charges were made:

	£	s	d
Damage survey	2	2	0
Entry fee for repairs	3	0	0
Special fee for Surveyors services	1	1	0
	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>

Mr Laing states that he does
not desire the repairs to be recorded
in the Register book, and that being so,
he declines to pay the fee, beyond
that charged for the damage survey.

He adds that he considers the charge
of £2.2.0 for the damage survey, under
the circumstances, sufficient, at the same
time if a higher fee ^{or} for survey is paid
by others under like circumstances.

he is quite prepared to reconsider this charge, but must distinctly decline to pay the fee for Registration.

It is respectfully submitted that the services rendered by the Society's Surveyors in this case, are of two kinds, and quite distinct. viz

1st Survey, in consequence of damage - the charge for which is not disputed

2nd Inspection of the repairs, to enable the Surveyors to report to the Committee the efficiency of the vessel and her eligibility to retain her class in the Register book.

The fees for these services, viz £2nd 2.0 and £1st 1.0 ^{respectively}, are it is submitted, very reasonable, and somewhat less than are usually charged for such services; but as the owner does not wish the repairs registered in the Book, the question whether the fee of £3.0.0. for such registration should be insisted upon, is respectfully left for the consideration of the Committee.

It may be remarked that in the case of the "Farnley Hall", the Committee resolved "Drp 75" should be expunged from the Register book, in accordance with the Owner's wishes; and ^{at the same time} ~~thus~~ ^{apparently} making it optional whether the Classification Committee should have damage repairs recorded, or not.

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