

Dork Place,

Aberdeen, 11<sup>th</sup> June 1879

B. Waymouth Esq

London

Dear Sir

You are doubtless aware that the "Cairnbulg" when on her outward passage to Sydney last voyage, lost her topmasts & yards, but you are not aware that ever since that took place, our firm & your Surveyor here, have been continually annoyed by her unreasonable managing owner. So much has been said here that I have thought it my duty to investigate the whole matter & by what I learn from the ship's log, I am led to believe that the Steering Gear was the cause of the whole mischief. The original gear (Skinner's patent) put in at the

owners' request, never gave satisfaction & was replaced by him with the Gear saved from the wreck of the "Spindrift" a vessel of 800 tons & as the Cairnbulg is 1560 tons it is not likely that it can be sufficient. I have communicated with the builders of the Spindrift on this matter & for your guidance, send you their reply.

My reason for writing you is not really so much for the purpose of stopping the tongue of an unreasonable person as for the sake of humanity.

I would therefore ask you to look into this business of the steering gear & let me know if you order it to be taken out. The log says that the "wheel took charge" & the ship "broached too" and lay over until her rails were under

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Mr. Kettle Creek

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Shirley L. Cairns, Esq.

It is submitted that under

The circumstances, contained  
herein and in Mr Keller's  
letter, which should be  
submitted as early as prac-  
ticable with a view to  
report on the steering gear  
and Mast steps, and  
the Varnen might be requested  
to state when the vessel is

expected home so that steps  
might be taken with the above  
object in view. Wm

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17/6/79. Mr Master &  
report of Mr Madril  
Mr Dawkins letter on the  
subject & send the  
letter printed  
J.M.

water, yards & pinests going away  
at that time -

Hoping you will be kind enough  
to give this your early attention

I remain

Yours truly

Robert Luthie

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