



4 Bernard Street.

Leith 29th May 1879.

G The Secretary
Lloyds Register of Shipping
2 White Lion Quay
Cornhill. London

Sir,

S.S. 'Ella'.

I wrote to you yesterday at once on receipt of your letter of 27th inst. that I object to the classification as you propose to enter it in the Books of your Register.

I am quite at a loss to understand how you come to write in the terms of your letter, and I have respectfully to point out that, not only are the statements it contains as to the condition of the Boiler quite erroneous in themselves, but opposed to the repeated statements of your Engineer Surveyor W. Hurrock who lately examined the Boiler when the 'Ella' was in dry-dock & undergoing an overhaul.

W. Hurrock in the presence of your Surveyor W. Dawkins, Captain Buchanan and my Superintending Engineer stated to me that he had examined the Engines & Boiler, that the Engines so far as he examined them were in capital order, and

that the repairs then being done upon the Boiler were quite sufficient at present, though not all that he would ask to be done in order to obtain the figure 1.

But as in his opinion a new Boiler would be wanted in two years time he could not recommend me to go to the expense of additional repairs, and would accordingly advise me in the circumstances not to apply for the figure 1. for the machinery.

In this view of the case I concurred and I agreed with your Surveyors accordingly that the figure 1 should in the meantime not be asked.

I am therefore very much surprised at the proposal you now make, viz. to brand the character of the Steamer's equipment as "imperilling her safety"; in other words, to give an untrue & damaging character to the ship. You will perceive that a great injustice is here proposed to be done, and I protest against it.

The *Elta* has been and is well kept up in every particular as W. Dawkins can testify; and only two years ago I had the Engines & Boiler taken out and most thoroughly overhauled & repaired, replacing the former steam receiver with

an entirely new one, and laying out a large amount in putting everything in perfect order. Before being replaced the Boiler was tested with water to the pressure of 120 lbs. ~~per~~ square inch which it stood perfectly, and it has since been well taken care of & worked only at 50th pressure though it might safely have been worked at more.

I enclose Report by an independent Engineer Surveyor of a survey which was made in Cardiff on 17th Dec^r last, & which please return to me.

Waiting your reply for my guidance

I am, Sir,
Your obed^t Serv^t

Encl.

James Cormack



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In Parker's report

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It is submitted that Mr. Linnock.
be requested to report on this letter

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