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Leith 14th June 1879

The Secretary

Lloyds Register of Shipping
London.

Sir With reference to the classification of the
S.S. "Elia", report no 4232, and as directed by
your letter of the 11th inst. Meg to state that the
first visit to the "Elia" in connection with
the S.S. No 2, ~~was~~ made on the 20th April, and as
arranged by note met the managing owner.
Mr. James Cormack, on board the following day
when I pointed out the ceiling to be removed &
other work requiring to be done, also informed
him that by the Rules it was necessary that
the machinery & Boiler should be examined by
Mr. Murdock, his reply being substantially as
stated in his letter of the 10th inst. viz that he was
perfectly satisfied with the efficiency of machinery
& Boiler but was not prepared to go into alterations
expenses.

expenses such as he anticipated might be required to obtain the Machinery Certificate I would prefer that the fig. 11 should be withheld but I told him that I believed the Committee would require a report from their Engineer Surveyor under any circumstances and it was then determined to defer this survey until the vessel was placed in dry dock so that the Propeller, Stern bush & fastenings to sea connections could be seen at the one survey:—

She was put into dry dock on the 6th ulto on which day I sighted the bottom & then reminded Mr Daniel Cornack (Managing Engineer & brother to the owner) who was overlooking the repairs, of the req^d survey on Machinery & Boiler & later the same day called upon the owner but failed to see him until Wednesday when it was arranged that Mr Sturrock should visit the vessel on Friday the 9th ulto (as he was engaged in Dundee & unable to come on Thursday).

On this occasion I accompanied Mr Sturrock & introduced him to the owner & his brother the latter of whom kept with Mr Sturrock throughout

his survey. Being engaged at the same time in repairing the chain cables & other work in my own department & am consequently in ignorance of all that took place between them but ~~I thought~~ from Mr Sturrock's subsequent conversation with the owner I did not think he considered the Boiler to be in such bad condition as to imperil the vessel's safety but that on completion of the repairs then in progress it would be in fair order.

I am,
Sir,

Your obedient servant
John Danks.

I herewith enclose Mr Cornack's letter of 29th ulto with copy of your reply as directed & have forwarded Mr Cornack's letter of the 10th inst to Mr Sturrock.



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