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MARINE ENGINEERS
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STEAM SHIPS.

OFFICE, 8 Scotland Street,

Glasgow, 3rd July 1879

Mess^{rs} Lloyds Engineers Surveyors.
Broad Street.

Dear Sirs. We are in receipt of Mr.
Alchins letter of 4th day regarding
the safety valve weights of the SS
"Lucerne" not being cased in
in accordance with your rules.

In this ship we were com-
pelled against our will to put
on the safety valves as they are
at present so as to meet the
requirements of the French law.

We mentioned to the owners that
you required the weights cased in
but they said we must not do
so on any account as they must
always be able to see them & get
at them in case of a valve sticking
and further that if we cased the
weights &c they would immediately
on taking charge of the ship
remove the casings.

Seeing such is the state of the
case and in accordance with
the French law under which the
ship is to trade we trust that
no difficulty will be made in
granting the certificate in accordance
of this departure from your rules.

he understood Mess^{rs} W^m Hamilton
To Port Glasgow had written to
you in this matter some days
ago or else we would have
done so sooner.

he believes the trial trip is
fixed for Tuesday next but
he cannot say the hour as
yet.

Yours very truly
James Howland



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