

South Stockton Iron Ship Yard.

Stockton on Tees.

Aug. 4th. 1880

Dear Sir,

Ship "Elcoltan".

Referring to writer's conversation with you this morning, we repeat that we do not see any reasonable grounds for Lloyd's refusing to give up certificates of this vessel.

The lawsons & warps supplied by us in accordance with specification arranged with & signed by a member of your Liverpool Committee, we consider fully equal to what your rules require and we therefore ask you to forward us certificates at once.

We may add that in many of our sailing ships & steamers

we have supplied a greater number of ropes with less sizes than required by rule and we have never had any complaint from you before.

Yours truly,

Richardson Duck & Co

Wm. Davidson Esq
Lloyds Surveyor,

West Hartlepool.

P.S. We think it rather unfair but that this matter was never mentioned but before, either when "Elcoltan" was at the yard or for the fortnight she was lying at "Elldidderbro". It is only when the vessel is at sea and we want to settle with the owners that the question is raised. Be good enough to forward us certificates at once or if you cannot do so this, forward our letter to the Committee.