

W. J. Shaw
Liverpool 11th Dec^r 1856

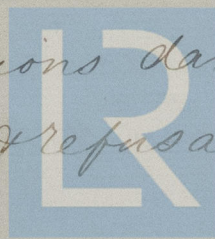
Robt. C. Mudge Esq^r

Dear Sir,

We are favored with your letter of yesterday in reply to ours of the 9th and in reply would make a few remarks with respect to the same both as regards the Ship "McLeod" and the "Andromache".

In the first place we are very sorry Mr Laphorn was refused but we were never aware of it until the Communication came from London & we can only account for it by the fact that the resident partner Mr W. McLeod was taken ill last Nov^r or Dec^r ordered to Cuba and there died and the affairs left in Charge of a Clerk (who has so neglected other matters that he has been discharged) who never reported the Circumstance to us.

We have no hesitation in saying that if these ships the "McLeod" or "Andromache" had been open to any such serious damage of character by the offer & refusal of the Surveyor



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services that we would have at once
ordered him to have been specially
sent for and everything done to give
him a view of the ships. You must
be aware from the large number of
new ships that come to us from Quebec
that we have all the vessels specially
surveyed and have done so from the
first appointment of a surveyor at
Quebec and that it cannot be from
any objection to the ships being seen.
On the question also of rule we really
cannot see that Section 53 applies
in these cases the words "or Miramichi
& Northern parts of New Brunswick
after 1855" were only added in July
1856 and therefore in accordance
with the 14th Rule ought not to
apply till January 1857 and
under any circumstances could
not in any fairness apply to ships
framed and in part planked in Nov^r
1855. These ships being commenced
in the Autumn of 1855 and as regards
the "McLeod" launched before the
rule was printed. We think your
Committee reading over these rules

will never consider it right to put in
force a rule that was not altered at
the time the ship was built and
should not by the Constitution of
the Society come in force till six
months after such alteration.

We ask the Committee to
consider the question in the shape of
right to the owners and also total
ignorance of the rule by all parties
and our ignorance of Mr. Laphorn's
appointment & offer of services.

We have since our knowledge of
this difficulty ordered the two ships
now building and every other ship
that may be laid down to be
specially surveyed so that no error
can occur.

The "McLeod" was launched
about 20th June & the "Andromache"
a few weeks later.

Yours faithfully

(signed) Holderness & Chilton



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namely the Hold Beams as with one Pair of Wood Hanging knees when built. In two Beams
cannot be properly put & 3 other Beams are double ones.
Number of Breasthooks 8 of Wood & 1 of Iron Pointers 4 of Wood Crutches 3 of Wood

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Liverpool 10 Dec

Mr. Mudge

Per 11

Ans

One Survey

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"McLeod"



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