

Extract from Mr. Mudge's letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> November, 1864.

Regarding the additional requirement as to testing a short length of un-studded close-link Chains up to the full strain for Stud-link Chains, which you intimate is not yet in force, having been first put forth in the Table No 22 as last issued under date of the 23<sup>rd</sup> June last, and consequently within six months from the present time, I have to observe that the fact of the additional requirement in question being of so very recent a date escaped the notice of this Committee when dealing with the Report on the Schooner "Lorn", as explained in my letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> Instant which Vessel is clearly under the above Circumstance, entitled to the record "A & C.P." and not "A.P." only as stated in this Committee's Minute on the Report in question and which I have to request you will therefore be so good as to correct accordingly, erasing therefrom the words "Record of chains proved until Rule complied with to be withheld, before the same is submitted to the General Committee for Confirmation."