

Liverpool Jan^y 23rd 1864

John Willis Esq^r

Sir

We are in receipt of your Letter of the 22nd inst relative to the Ship "Lady Here" and as it is fully explained that you do not intend opening up the defects pointed out We have nothing further but to report the facts to the Committee in the usual official form. With regard to your concluding remarks relative to difficulties being placed in your way We are quite at a loss to understand and we could not possibly express an opinion (as you must well know) as to the Vessel not being eligible for a Classification before prepared for survey in accordance with our requirements.

We did however state to you and to others who made enquiry that the Rules did not admit of a 15 Years grade where plain iron was used in the upper works as is the case in this Vessel.

Signed { E. C. Whaler
W. C. Davy

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18 East India Chambers, Leadenhall
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Gentlemen,

Absence from Town prevented my answering
y^r ^{re} Friday your letter of the 23rd.

With reference to your remark as to the
years' class, it is possible you may have stated
to me that the rules did not admit of 15 year
grade when plain iron was used in the upper
works, but on my explaining the analogous case
of the "The Forth," Mr. Davy remarked "take
plank out all round her, and go in for the 10 year
restoration -" to which I replied "I would not do
it for mortal man."

I may add that had I the least notion, it
would not have been recommended for the 15 year
grade it would have saved you a great deal of
trouble and myself much unnecessary expense,
as most assuredly should any class under that
have been sent I should have declined to accept
it. In conclusion the so-called defective planks
are to my mind only as yet imaginary & as I have
before stated, you have been doing the past month
more of the frame & planking of the ship than 30

could of any Vessel of ordinary construction, and I
moreover fearlessly assert that at this moment
the "Zenobia" - Lady Here that was - is the strongest
wooden Vessel in the Port of Liverpool.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Wm. Hall

Messrs J. B. Wheeler
& J. B. Davey
Lloyd's Surveymen
Liverpool