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Between the main and after hatchways and in way of fore hatchway, the planks that were found decayed in way of fastenings at butts, have been renewed of the thickness of adjacent planks, and teak cant pieces fitted over the plank ends at end of hatchways.

The Master, who is also part Owner, requests that the renewal of the main and top-gallant fore-castle decks might be deferred till the vessel is submitted to the 2nd S.S. No 3 in 2 years time.

The parts of the deck not mentioned above, are sound and in good condition, but somewhat thin the worst places being 3" in the vicinity of main hatchway.

In my opinion, as the repairs effected, have made the deck tight and good. The Owners request to defer the renewal of the same for 2 years, merits the favourable consideration of the Committee.

E. J. Milton.