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The Secretary  
London

Sir,

In accordance with the verbal instructions received from you respecting the survey being held on the *S.S. Echuea*, I accompanied Mr Cornish to the vessel, and made a careful examination of the reported defects.

With regard to the same I beg to state that the straining appears to be entirely local, and confined to the bulwark, and upper deck stringer angle iron, & is most probably due to the heavy weather which the vessel is reported to have experienced on her last voyage, and does not in my opinion result from a want of structural strength of the hull.

There appears to have been some mistake made in the fitting of the doubling plates of

+ Dissatisfied action

the upper deck sheerstrake, as they do not agree with the arrangement on the plans and model, shown to me at the time, the arrangement of bulks to which was quite satisfactory; and I regret that I should not have observed that it was not carried out. At the same time I may point out that the Rules do not require that these plates should be fitted.

Mr Lund has raised objections to some of the rivets in the rudder, the holes for which were not fair, but as it is impossible that all holes can be examined before being rivetted up, and such defects cannot be detected afterwards, a few unfair holes may easily escape notice.

I am, Sir

Your obedient servant  
H. M. Williams.



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*Mr Williams*

*Re S.S. Eschua*

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*For the Shipowners*



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