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2nd December, 1892.

Gentlemen,

With reference to your letter of the 19th ultimo, respecting the steamer "MASSACHUSETTS", built by Messrs Harland & Wolff in the spring of the present year, I am directed to acquaint you that upon the arrival of this vessel in New York in October last, it was reported that leaks were found just above the close ceiling forward.

Temporary repairs were effected there, and upon her return to this port she was examined in dry dock by two of the Society's Officers, who reported that a number of unsatisfactory rivets were found on both sides of the number 2 hold at the upper part of the bilge, a little over 300 rivets having to be renewed at this part.

I have forwarded to your address one of the rivets removed from the vessel, and in drawing your attention to the unsatisfactory workmanship, I have to request that you will note that the plug head did not conform with nor fill the ^{hole} ~~head~~, nor was the head laid up, and this very unsatisfactory work has led to considerable expense and inconvenience.

You should therefore exercise greater care in future in the inspection of all vessels built under your supervision.

I enclose herewith **COPY.** New York No.1483 and London
No.55875, respecting the case, and shall be glad to receive your
remarks thereon for the information of the Committee.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

n Secretary.

The Surveyors,

Belfast.



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