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With reference to the Belfast-Surveyor's letter respecting the rivets recently renewed at this port in the fore hold of this vessel, we beg leave to state, that we found the rivets in question were simply driven home & the flattening of the rivet heads was due to the re-bound of the holding up hammer, & that no appearance of of laying up the head round the edges of the rivets could be seen.-

With regard to the builders statement - that the vessel may have come into contact with a quay wall or other hard substance, we may remark that we questioned the Captain & Superintendent on this point, & they stated that so far as they were aware, the vessel had not touched anything.-

We may add that we were informed that a representative from the builders had examined the vessel whilst in dry dock, & admitted that the rivetting had been unsatisfactory originally.-

Maurice Pelton 12/12/92

C. Buchanan.



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