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A. G. Dryhurst Esq,
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Dear Sir,

c/s "JOHN PENDER".

Your Special Survey No. 2.

We are extremely reluctant in again wishing you to bring this matter to the attention of your Committee in regard to having this survey completed, but in justice to ourselves and to save us doing work over again and likewise incurring much expense, we beg to submit the following.

Owing to having no cable on board we have to be careful in shifting our weights within a very tender vessel. I therefore shall be obliged if you will enable us to know how we stand in regard to such items of work which your surveyors may state are still necessary to complete this survey.

With special reference to your surveyor seeing the ceiling and cement of the thwartship bunker, as to which Mr Isaac has had two interviews with your Mr Cornish, the result being that if we wish to retain your classification, we must

remove the best part of 130 tons of coal, to do which it will be necessary to put other compensating weight in the vessel.

We feel perfectly justified in asking for your Committee's consideration in regard to the above inspection of the cement in the thwartship bunker, as from time to time we have done a considerable amount of work, in regard to which we have generally tried to give a full intimation for your surveyors to look at the work whenever convenient to them, being under the impression that if this were seen we should get the credit for it as against the next pending special survey.

In furtherance of the foregoing we on the 22nd Novr. 1893 wrote to you advising that this vessel was going into Dry-dock for the purpose of renewing her propeller shaft; and it appears that although we did not then specially invite attention to any other part, your ship surveyor Mr Truscott attended and surveyed the bottom, and although his report is dated so as to cover the period 10th to the 27th Novr. '93, there is practically nothing mentioned during this period but the aforesaid inspection of the bottom.

Within these dates we had the whole of the ceiling of the after hold removed: the ironwork scaled and painted and the ceiling here generally renewed. Also coal removed from all bunkers for the purpose of scaling and painting and also repairing the cement where required.

We therefore respectfully submit that if your ship surveyor attended of his own accord to view the bottom of the

vessel in Drydock, we should have expected to have had noted the work done in the holds and bunkers: the scaling, painting and cementing. Likewise during this same period the chain cables were raised, scaled and blacked. All these items being amongst those which require at the end of another 12 months when the special survey became due.

We naturally expected we were getting credit for these aforesaid items with other work, in confirmation of which your letter of the 6th Decr. '94 gives us credit for the inspection of the bottom but for no other work which was then actually being done.

Under the above detailed circumstances we wish to know what other work is now expected to be done if we are to complete the special survey No. 2 particularly in regard to the hull likewise the machinery and boilers.

Before we filled up the thwartship bunker we wished to make good the ceiling on the upper turn of bilges which showed signs of softness but which in no part had given way, and finding we could not so handle the coal as to put in new ceiling, we have covered the same with sheet iron from keelson to keelson at the bilges, and we understand from our Assistant Superintendent that he fully apprised your surveyor Mr Keene of what we were doing and that he would duly take note of the same.

We now have Mr Keene's letter of the 11th inst, in which he asks us to remove part of the coal in order that the whole of the sides may be examined and the ceiling lifted for the examination of the bilges at this part.

We shall be glad at your earliest convenience to receive your answer.

Yours faithfully,

Johnston Pender

Managing Director.

*The Managers request
an immediate report
on the statements herein
made*

14/11/95



Requently reply

Also for Mr. Hill to Mr. Keene

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Referred to the Chief Surveyor

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