

*Recd.*

June 1897

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The owners will convey of the  
a Barque aged ten years of London  
a wharf in the Royal Dock Bay and on the  
6<sup>th</sup> May 1897 & at subsequent dates in order to  
ascertain damage stated to have been  
sustained in consequence of the vessel going  
on Fawcett's Spit on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1897 and  
remaining aground until the 2<sup>nd</sup> January  
following: particulars of which are given in  
the vessels log book - which -

On examination of the vessel in the  
bay dock the undersigned found that the  
keel and bottom plating were badly cut up  
and the said plating much indented. a  
considerable number of holes in the hull plating  
being started. The stern frame was貫通  
and had been temporarily repaired and  
water was found to be leaking and otherwise  
damaged. Inside in way of the above  
mentioned damaged keel & bottom plating it  
was



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was found that the outer bales and the  
inner bales were set up the bulkhead at the  
fore end of the boiler room as well as the  
bulkhead at the after end of the boiler room  
were set up and buckled; four iron pillars in  
the stabbards and three in the forward ones  
bunker was found to be bent. On examination  
of the ends the swelling of iron was found  
above and the bridge deck at the after end  
especially was found to be damaged.

In more detailed inspection it was found  
that the A or galvanised steel stanchion  
was set up - swelled out for 10 feet -  
on port side for 100 feet.  
B stanchion - on starboard side for 100 feet  
on port side for 216 feet.  
C stanchion - on starboard side for 200 feet  
on port side for 207 feet.  
D stanchion - on starboard side for 191 feet  
on port side for 200 feet.  
E stanchion - on starboard side for 141 feet  
on port side for 101 feet.  
F stanchion - on starboard side for 161 feet  
on port side for 177 feet.

On eight being put up to examine the wind  
in which the latter was out of shape will  
not be able to run on straight stanchions  
found that the last one was out of shape



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follow:-

At 106.2 gun shot put the boat was down to water

107.6

110.10 about midships

115.8

211.8

270.2

ft

ft

ft

ft

The undersigned therefore recommends that:  
the above mentioned damaged shell plating in  
the A or Starboard side and in the five  
adjacent frames on each side be cut away  
fair and eventually replaced complete; that the  
bulb be also cut away and fair; that the  
temporarily repairs to the stem not be cut away  
and the stem put safely to record and refitted  
with all required blocks such as zinc plates for  
protection as before. All plate frames in any of  
the part where damaged in carrying out the  
temporary repairs shall be fit and fair.

Further recommends that he must  
unstippled the plating stripped off the fair  
plates to be made fair and true, and the plating  
then re-stippled or rendered in any he may  
desire.

Further that all the staves left of the shell  
plating be cleaned and restippled with suitable  
material.

As to iron work; recommends that the  
cutter has one six belins when out of his  
be cut sufficiently straight to fair and true.

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re-makes; that the bottom bulkheads in engine and boiler rooms to be cut adrift forward and a midship additional stiffening being given to them as may be required on further examination when the shell plating is cut off; that all the boat stanchions to be cut out fore and aft and re-installed in place.

As to the other recommendations that the bridge deck when cut out of shape be lightened and made fair, & the upper deck and the bridge deck be re-caulked throughout.

To carry out the above recommendations, & in order to enable a complete survey to be made it will be necessary to lift all the ceiling and insulation work from bridge to bridge, namely all fore and aft; to remove the cement in the flat of the bottom, including the deep cement in the floor spaces under the boilers and to remove the grating and ballast in the hold.

The grating floors &c in way of the intended bottom cannot be completely examined until the bottom plating is removed or the cement is cleaned away inside, and the above recommendations are made in regard only to the damage which can now be seen and provided for as above detailed.

After all the structural damage is ascertained and properly repaired, and all interior non-structural gear, stores, etc removed, in order to be carrying out of the said repairs the surveyor recommends that the vessel be re-caulked outside, and



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made when necessary or originally done.

The following gear is reported to have been  
damaged or lost in connection with the casualty  
en route.

One stream anchor (Barrett's Patent)

One 5 in. steel hawser 90 fathoms.

One 36 in. steel hawser 90 fathoms

One 36 in. steel hawser 90 fathoms

One 3 in. steel hawser 90 fathoms

One 2 1/2 in. steel hawser 90 fathoms

One 8 in. Manila hawser 120 fathoms

One 7 1/2 " do " do 120 fathoms

One 14 in. do hawling line 120 fathoms

One 36 in. do " do 90 fathoms

One 24 in. do " do 90 fathoms

One coil of 18 strand hemp 90 fathoms &

The undersigned recommend that the same be removed

600 - 10 - 0

1 - 1 - 0

69 - 9 - 0

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