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The Secretary to Lloyd's Register
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Sir

I visited the SS "Elena" N. 27A in this port, which is under repair. Several plates on bottom part of coal bunkers are replacing, as well as the most part of the frames and reverse frames I proposed to be renewed. The A hatchway coamings on raised bridge deck of coal bunkers have been renewed entirely as well as the water tight aft bulk head. The side plating has been partly drilled for ascertaining of their thickness, but them have not yet been plugged up. The main engine girders are also prepared for repairing because partly corroded. Part of the fore castle plating on account of the side lights existing there has been found corroded, same will be renewed and repaired. The water tight bulkhead in hold N. appears rather weak, same require to be stiffened.

As far as I have seen, the inner plating on part where the ceilings have been removed appears rather solid, factory but better information will be given soon all has been

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the whole lot of Ceilings have been removed. As the ship has not yet been docked in my presence, I cannot say any thing about the water Ballast tanks, but she will be docked about next week and her bottom condition will be reported.

As far as I have been informed by the steamer Agent, he requested to Committee to have Mr. Pitson for visiting the vessel at Messina because they are anxious to complete the survey N.3 here. But soon I am informed by you that this gentleman is coming I will make all the things on the ship so prepared for visiting them in order that 2 or 3 days would be quite enough ^{to this gentleman} for his necessary suggestions upon the mode of repairing, by putting that on the proper way, and leave the completion of the same under my assistance, unless you consider otherwise.

But I can say, in consequence of the inspection I did on this ship the most wasted part is in the coal Bunkers but all the remainder is considered rather satisfactory.

I remain, Sir

your obedient servant
Francis Ducroix

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Referred to the Chief Ship Surveyor
and the Chief Engineer Surveyor.

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Also for Mr. S. A. Hibb to note.

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