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18th, February, 1896.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. enclosing one from Mr. Dawkins respecting tests made on steel wire stated to be intended for use in the rigging of the ship "INDIAN EMPIRE" now lying at Callao. With reference to this case I have to advise you that the Committee are informed that new masts, spars, rigging etc. are being made for the vessel in question by Messrs Clover Claytom & Co of your port, and I am to request that you will kindly arrange that due attention be given to the construction of the same with a view to a report being furnished on completion for the information of the Committee.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. C. Davey Esq.

Secretary.

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