

Ship Building Fund  
Anno domini 19<sup>th</sup> April 1866

James B. Wright Esq.  
London,

Dear Sir,

Referring to the communication addressed by us to the Chairman of the Committee of Classification at Lloyds on 24<sup>th</sup> ult., and which was presented by you to Mr. Seyfang, who conditionally granted the figure 1 to the A character of the Barge "Ben-Avis" (at 48 in the Supplement), we regret to find that the significant mark "A + C.P." has been withheld.

We should have liked their opinion on the subject matter of the communication, but taking all the circumstances of the case into consideration, we hope you will be able to persuade the Committee to grant this mark also, and to enable them to do so the more readily you will please present the enclosed certificate of an anchor which we supplied this ship in lieu of the smallest one (8.1.21) which was lost when launching of which we also enclose the certificate. We would have returned this sooner, but we were in the hope of recovering the anchor ere this. As we do not yet despair of getting it we will thank to retain the certificate if agreeable to the Committee.

The weights of the anchors now on board the "Ben-Avis" are 11.5.0, 9.3.0 + 9.1.0 in all 30 cwt. (ex stock) or 1.2.0 in excess of total weight required.

Yours Truly  
James Wright Esq.  
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