

S. S. Emerald

Machinery Survey fees

The S.S. "Emerald" is a small steam fishing vessel built at Leith last year by Marr Bros. the Machinery being made by J. O. Spence of N. Shields.

The builders Messrs Marr Bros signed the request for survey of hull & machinery.

The fees for survey of hull have been paid, but the builders declined to pay the machinery fees on the ground that in signing the survey request form they did not understand that they became responsible for more than the fees for the hull.

The Newcastle Engineer Surveyors made 25 visits to the machinery during its construction & have charged the minimum fee of £8-0-0 & an entry fee of £1-0-0.

Several letters have been written pointing out that the Builders are clearly responsible for the machinery fees, & that it is for them to recover the amount from the Owner or Engine Makers; but that until the fees are paid the attendance of the Surveyors at the shipyard must be discontinued.

The Builders state that they have applied in vain for these fees to the Engine Makers & Owner neither of these parties considering themselves liable to pay.

The Builders now offer to pay £5 & as they are supported by Mr Paulsen the Leith Surveyor in their statement that they never contemplated having to pay this fee, it is submitted that the sum of £5 should in this instance be accepted for the machinery survey.

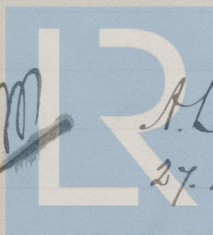
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