

Extract of a letter from the Surveyors, North Shields, dated 26th March 1864.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th Inst. and in explanation of the error in the listing Certificate as compared with the size of Chain Cables reported as supplied to the "CERES" beg to state that the size, I noted from measurement on back, but I find on referring to the Certificate which I herewith enclose that the said Chains were manufactured and tested as $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch, and not as $1\frac{5}{16}$ In^o, the bars often running a size beyond that required and $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. Chain is the size required by Table 22 for her tonnage.