

JOHN READHEAD & CO.,
ENGINEERS, BOILER MAKERS,
AND
IRON SHIP BUILDERS.

Pilot Street.

South Shields.

19th Nov 1880

Dear Sirs,

Referring to our Steamer No. 166 building to the order of Messrs. Dick & Page of London we beg to inform you that the contract time for the delivery of this vessel is the 10th Feby. 1881, and the understanding with these gentlemen was that the vessel was not to be launched till January next; however we have been enabled to get on faster with our work than we anticipated, and have also other contracts quickly following on. Messrs. Dick & Page do not wish to have their vessel earlier than the stipulated time, and our object now in addressing you is to ascertain whether

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under these circumstances, if the vessel were launched at once, though certainly not completed till February next, you would register the vessel as built in 1881. We greatly want the berth the vessel occupies for another vessel, to be finished at an early date, but without your consenting to her appearing as for 1881, the launch must be delayed, and the result would seriously delay our work.

We do not wish your consent, if given, to be looked upon as a precedent in any way for other applications, but only ask it under the exceptional circumstances in which we are placed by being ready with the vessel so much before our time. Trusting to receive your favourable consideration, We are, Dear Sirs,
Yours very truly
John Readhead & Co.
per J. H. Bell
Messrs. The Committee of Clerk
Lloyds, London

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