

JOHN HOLMAN & SONS
SHIP BUILDERS & CO.
TOPSHAM.

Topsham 27th Aug 1866

Mr. R. A. Smith & Co -
Gentlemen -

We regret to find -
that the whole of the incon-
venience & loss to us arising from
the short link cable supplied -
your House is attributable -
to you alone. The matter -
was so important that we -
communicated with J. B. Seyfang -
Esq. the Secty at Glasgow. Who -
wrote to the Suptd of the -
Betherton Machine. Mr. Wade -
sending him a copy of our letter -
we have received a reply from -
Mr. Seyfang enclosing copy of -
Mr. Wade's letter. To him we enclose -
a copy of to you -
and from which it appears -

that the cable was tested in 3 -
separate places - but would not -
sustain the stud link test - in -
either and yet this defective -
cable was sent on to us. When -
we remonstrated with you on -
the serious omission that had -
been made in not testing the -
12 links. You replied that you -
were very sorry that the cable -
was omitted being tested to -
stud link proof - requesting us -
to get it done & expressing yourselves -
to this effect. There is no -
doubt of the 12 links standing the -
test. Now Gentlemen we think -
this is not very honorable dealing -
we presume, you must have known -
that the cable had been thrice -
tested and failed in every trial -
you have thus placed us in -
a very critical position in reference

PLY 886 - 0115

Lower Deck

to the owner. who can and
perhaps will throw the vessel
on our hands.. for not performing
our contract in supplying him
with a vessel to class at 1.15 years.
The only drawback to our being able
to do this being the imperfect
character of the cable. Then
the owner cannot get the vessel
insured in consequence of her
not being classed. and in the event
of her being lost he may sue us
for every farthing of her cost.
We think under these circumstances
we are justified in calling upon
you to supply another cable to
stand the test required by Lloyds.
and to pay the expenses of transit
on both the new & condemned one
to the places where they will
have to be sent

We are gentlemen
Yours Very Truly
John Holman & Sons



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