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Colonial Agency.

4, CULLUM STREET,

London 14 July 1854

Charles Graham Esq  
Secretary  
Lloyd's Registry of Shipping  
Sir

We contracted last June 1853 with Messrs J. & R. White of West Cowes to build for us the 'Charlotte Ann' under warranty to class A for 13 Years, & arranged for her construction under Special Survey by Your Officers at our Joint Expense - We hold the Official Receipts of £26.12. - for Special Survey Fee &c, and of £5. - for Classification Fee - dated 8 May & 8 June respectively

In requesting Messrs White to produce (pursuant to contract) the 13 Years A Classification Certificate, we understood a difficulty has arisen about its issue, because of some Iron Bolts being instead of twisted metal in the hoop - Messrs White assure us that this occurred solely from misapprehension of your Rules, the partial obscurity of which they have pointed out to you; which are worded in 1853 Book differently from 1854; which we really think easily bear the opinion entertained by Messrs White; & which appear to have been so regarded by your own Surveyor at Cowes, who was appointed by your Committee, to conduct the Special Survey of said Vessel - With this exception, we believe that the 'Charlotte Ann' is readily admitted to merit the 13 Years A Class.

Mr John White (being in town) has seen various Officers of your Society, & also the Chairman of Classification Committee, informs us that he proposes to replace the Iron by twisted metal Bolts upon 'Charlotte Ann's' return to England, but that a difficulty was mooted because he no longer owned the vessel -

Under these circumstances, & in connection with the



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interview, our E. S. W. of her White, had yesterday with yourself,  
 we cheerfully state our conviction that Messrs White had no  
 intention of misleading either the Society or Ourselves; - that  
 the 'Charlotte Ann' being rapidly advancing in her loading,  
 outfit &c cannot be redocked, nor the Iron Bolts be now removed,  
 that she was expressly built for our own trade, & 7/8 of her  
 is owned by our E. S. W.; - that we do not contemplate selling  
 her; - that we expect her again in London about 12 to 15 mos  
 hence; - & that Messrs White promise us then to remove  
 all objectionable Bolts, & to fulfil all reasonable require-  
 ments by your Surveyors for her continuance on the  
 13 Years A flag.

We therefore request that considering the  
 peculiar circumstances of the entire case, your  
 Committee will issue a 13 Years A flag, certificate  
 for the 'Charlotte Ann', & we hereby engage that  
 immediately she returns from her present voyage (which  
 we anticipate cannot exceed 15 mos & may only be 12) we  
 will require Messrs White to fulfil their pledge by properly  
 substituting Metal for the Iron fastenings & doing the  
 needful for her remaining on that high class and in  
 default thereof, we shall no longer deem to our said  
 Ship being reduced to the 12 Years A trade.

We remain  
 Sir  
 Yours very obedt.  
 James W. Wheeler  
 Owners of Ship Charlotte Ann

General Quality of Workmanship *Good*

We certify that the preceding is a correct description of the above-named Vessel.

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Thos. Wheeler & Co

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Mr & Mrs. Williams  
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Thos. Graham Esq

Merchant

Lloyds Registry of Shipping

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