

St. Agnes,
Carrier,

22nd July. 1876.

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Dear Sir,

I was so disappointed on receiving your Society's certificate for the "Trevellas" for 12 years only, and so humbled by it, that if there is no mistake in the matter I shall, as long as I live, regret that I had studied to have a first class ship. I believe that I have, & will worthy the classification expected.

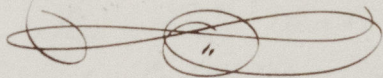
I beg to inquire whether any explanation was given to you for the refusal of the Society accepting your recommendation for her for 14 years, that is, if you are at liberty to give it & if not my best means to know -

I am feeling so acutely about the certificate that I hope soon to hear from you and perhaps I am best to ask your Society to withhold publishing for the present her allotted certificate if the vessel was not worth more than 12 years I would bow to the Society's classification without complaint.

Dear Sir,

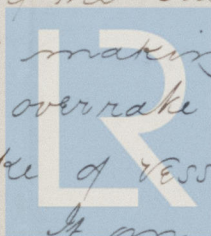
Yours truly,

M. J. Hitchins



Hugh Fregardien Esq.

P.S. I think I am best to say that the measurement was taken by the Board of Trade Surveyor without making any allowance for her overrake of Stern, above the rake of vessels as usually built. If an allowance for it

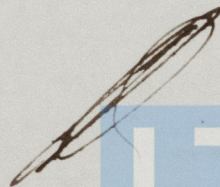


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was made the apparent over length to depth would be materially lessened. as regards anything that I can do to satisfy the Society I am prepared to do it. The vessel is now off this place on her way to Smyrna, on her return I shall be willing to go to any reasonable expense by special survey or otherwise; in fact I am bound to do something or must report matters to the underwriters of the ship that they may cancel Policies as I have reported vessel was built to class 14 years. I don't care going to any reasonable expense in order vessel shall have her due, which is all I want -

M. J. H.



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