

New Quay th 14 Feb 1855
(Partm^o)

Chas Graham Esq
Sir

I have rec^d a certificate of the
Classification for New Ship "Avery" built by me at Shaldon.
and find it worded "11 years from 1855. Trust the running
year is in addition to the 11 years. if not it will be a serious
loss to me, After all the extra fastenings I have put in the Ship
which Mr Mulley (your Western Inspector) considered was fully
adequate for the slight deviation in placing the waterways,

I trust, if I am wrong in construing the words of the certificate,
the Gentlemen of Committee will again look over the Schedule of
Number, sizes & fastenings of the upper deck beams, when I
feel confident they will see I have put nearly double the fastening
required. Having a heavy stringer besides the diagonal knees
to every beam, which Mr. Ritchie has seen, and hope the

Gentlemen of the Committee will have his opinions
thereon. In Building this Ship - it has been my earnest
wish to do all required by your rules, and the thickness
of the waterways are fully what is required, and fastened
as the Rule directs. I commenced building this vessel
about 18 months since, and was not aware there had been
any alteration respecting the faying surface of waterways
against the timbers, and think Mr. Cockings the local
Surveyor would have told me. had he known I was wrong.
I believe both Him and the Special Surveyors have been
fully satisfied of my willingness to adopt and thing they
suggested.

The Gentleman for whom I have built the Ship
has been an old friend from my childhood, and fear if she is not
Classed 12 A.1. it will make it very unpleasant for us - altho - I
am convinced he thinks I have done my utmost to give him

a good faithful 12 Years Ship -

Some of the Gentlemen of the Committee no doubt will
remember seeing this Ship in Frame, during their Visit
last summer, and appeared pleased with the great strength
of Frame, and mode of fastening the upper and lower deck
beams. I must therefore, you will lay this case before
the Gent. Committee, and that I may have an early answer,
as the owners are desirous to send the Ship to sea. They have
registered the Ship at Dartm^r, which must (suppose) be named
in the report, and certificate. Waiting yours -

I remain

Sir

Yours respectfully
Henry Follett



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"Avery" Report referred
to the General Committee



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