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Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 9th instant regarding the case of the Motor Yacht "FLYING CLOUD", I beg to state that the vessel was submitted for Half Time Survey in January 1921 (3 years and 7 months after the date of build) and the Rule requirements were fully complied with.

As stated in my report the outside planking was scraped bright where necessary, and the usual treenails and bolts removed. With the exception of one plank on the starboard quarter, which was renewed on account of decay on outside surface along both edges, no indications of decay were found.

The bowsprit was removed and from examination, the stem head and apron piece in way of the housing found in satisfactory condition.

Furthermore, the stem which was originally of square section was well tapered and nosed off from the bowsprit housing down to forefoot, and no evidence of decay was discovered.

The vessel was originally fitted with a Quarter deck, but this was reconstructed into a full poop, which

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necessitated the complete removal of the deck planking, waterways, and beams of the Quarter deck. The timbers at this part were, therefore, fully exposed, and the opportunity was taken of making a careful examination to find out the condition of the framing before the new side timbers of the poop were fitted. Had there been any decay at that time it would have been observed and dealt with.

The usual precautions were taken to find out the condition of the timbers and planking throughout the vessel, and as far as could be seen at that time same appeared satisfactory.

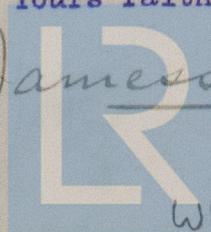
As the result of the examination then held I did not feel justified in recommending additional planking to be stripped off the vessel with a view to the examination of other unexposed parts.

The only explanation I can give of the very serious state of the vessel as now reported by Mr. Nicholas is that decay must have started in certain unexposed parts soon after the building, and this has evidently spread very rapidly during the past two years, due no doubt to the lack of proper ventilation caused by the closing up of the air courses, etc.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

The Secretary,
LONDON.

James D. Butler



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Referred to the Chief ~~Ship~~ Surveyor.

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& for Mr. How to note.
Also for Mr. Mayne to note.

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See endorsement dated 7.7.24

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