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992 "CAMOSUN". As recommended. With regard to your remarks respecting this vessel's decks, I have to acquaint you that the Society's Surveyors at Glasgow, under whose survey the vessel was built, have been communicated with, and state that the pitch pine planking used for the decks was cut about five or six months before being used, and when laid was well caulked.

The Surveyors pointed out that the decks were laid during the Winter months from November to January, and that the Steamer during her passage to San Francisco would cross the Equator twice, and in these circumstances, as you are aware, the condition of the decks on the vessel's arrival at her destination would largely depend upon the care and attention they received during the voyage.



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