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Lloyd's Register of British & Foreign Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.

19th November, 1913.

Gentlemen,

I duly received Messrs. Harrison and Milton's letter of the 14th instant respecting the case of the Hopper Barge "B.H.C.13", and with regard thereto I am directed to say that it is considered to be unsatisfactory that you did not make it clear in the first instance that the leakage from the well into the buoyancy space occurred through the rivets of the deck coaming angle, your second letter of the 12th instant making it appear that the leakage through the deck angles was additional to that found on the occasion of the first test from the well into the buoyancy spaces.

It is also regretted that in the special circumstances of the case you did not satisfy yourselves as to the soundness of the riveting, by examining and testing by hammer, before filling the sludge well. If this had been done, the necessity for a further test would doubtless have been avoided.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

The Surveyors,

NEWCASTLE.

Assistant to the Secretary.

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