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71 Fenchurch Street. E.C.3..

Dear Sirs,

We are in receipt of your favour of the 5th inst with reference to the expunging of the Rennyhill ex Dyker Lassie from the classification books of your society for which we are obliged.

We may say that it was a fact that in our opinion the dry rot must have been there when the wood was put in. We quite appreciate that during the war seasoned timber was not always available but this being the case we thought we would be safe in buying a ship which was classified as 11 A 1 with your society.

We are also advised that the bottom plankings are of red elm and this being so we are very much in doubt as to why she should have been classified as for your eleven year classification as our informant who is supposed to be an expert upon wood and its durability says "the bottom six planks are of red elm and consequent upon these planks not being wholly submerged it would be impossible for these to last eleven years".

Re ventilation. In as far as ventilation is concerned we may say that all was done that could be in this line but of course we cannot answer for owners who held the vessel previous to our people having her. If you will again refer to your surveyors who held survey here you will be informed if you ask them the direct question that the ventilation necessary could not be given owing to the constructions of the inner ceiling against the timbers.

Yours faithfully

John Bonthron



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