

4 Clinic Row
Calcutta 30th Aug 1875

Captain Cator
Ship "Magnolia"
Dear Sir

In reply to your letter
calling for the expression of my
opinion with regard to the Calcutta
dry dock, I am very happy to be
able to state that this dock is
favorably known to me for the last
twenty five years, and that I have
always found the work as well done
in it as in any other dock in
Calcutta. During the time I have
been a resident Surveyor here (Eleven

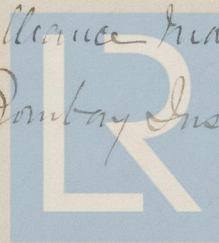
years) I have always had reason
to be satisfied with the way my
orders have been carried out with regard to
the repair of ships in this Dock.
The present superintendent Mr Dean,
is a thoroughly good practical ship-
wright, and appears to be much respected
by all the masters of vessels that
have used his Dock, he seems very
obliging, and I think his scale of
charges are a little lower than
most of the other docks.

Though on most occasions very
averse to recommending any dock in
particular in this port, I think it
only an act of justice to state so
much in favor of the Caladonia

dock, the Caladonia dock is the
only dock here that has two European
shipwrights attached to it, and as far as
workmen are concerned, the same men
of all trades work in all the docks
alike according to the demand for labor
that exists at the time.

Yours faithfully

Surveyor to the Port Trust Company
Messrs Lloyd, Register Italiano,
Amstern Veritas, Register Maritime
de Bordeaux, Lister, Union Insur-
Co of Canton, Home Colonial, Canton,
Alliance Marine Insur Co of London
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