

Calcutta 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1875

Mr. Gladstone Wyllie Esq.  
Agents North China Insurance Company

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> ultimo we beg to inform you that we are assured by Captain Blaney that your Surveyor had every facility to examine the "High Harriet" vessel chosen to avail himself of it; the vessel was ten days in dock perfectly empty and as you have seen by Captain Dendoe's Report that stages were rigged round her and that she was lined with the object of testing her plates, furthermore we are assured by Captain Blaney that your Surveyor went at the last but never been on board the vessel or went under her bottom in the dock.

As shareholders in the North China Insurance Company we consider ourselves very unjustly treated; you are well aware that we contribute a large share of our business to this office and that when a question like the present is raised other offices will not assist us unless on the understanding that we give them regular business; you can therefore see that you are acting at present in a manner prejudicial to the interest of the office; of course we cannot allow the matter to rest here but shall forward to the Head Office at China for the information of the Directors copies of all correspondence and Survey Reports as we <sup>really</sup> cannot allow our interests to suffer merely for the whim of your Surveyor. It is grossly preposterous to

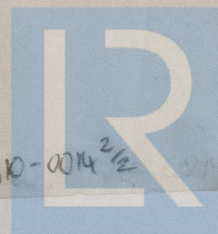


to suppose that an old Iron vessel that was just five months ago  
specially reported by your Surveyor a first class Insurance risk  
which report was duly countersigned and registered by yourself  
could now be uninsurable, an accident having happened to her  
in the meanwhile.

We consider it the duty of your Surveyor to attend  
at the Dock and to examine ships whether he is requested to do so  
by the Agents or not as we presume he receives a monthly salary  
for that purpose.

It is rather suggestive that this is the only time  
the Owner neglected to pay your Surveyor a fee and this is the  
only time he has withheld calling the right name. A  
first class risk.

Yours faithfully  
Harje Jacobson & Co.



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