

Extract from a letter from Lloyd's Agents at Calcutta dated
21 September 1875. Rec 21/10/75

Having reason to believe that a complaint may
be made to the Committee of Lloyd's against Captain
Stewart our Surveyor with reference to his conduct in
regard to the 'Magnolia' which vessel had to be docked
recently for repairs we wish to inform you how the
matter really stands. Captain Stewart having found that
contrary to his express recommendation the 'Magnolia' was
going to be put into a Dock which is under native
supervision and where consequently in his opinion the
necessary work would in all probability not be properly
done refused to survey the ship but after further consideration
of the matter he did survey and attend her in dock and he
has satisfied us that he did all he could by personal
examination & by making full enquiries at the Dock to
ascertain the extent and efficiency of the repairs executed
before reporting on the ship for insurance. We may add that
though Capt. Stewart gave his services at the urgent request of the
ship's Agents and with Captain Cator's willing consent, Capt
Cator after accepting his report and retaining it for about a
fortnight refused to pay the customary fee for survey. Messrs. Finlay
Munn & Co. the Agents of the ship have however promised to pay the fee.