

Sloyds Surveyor's Office, 12 Stairings Street.

N^o 28

Calcutta the 8th October 1875.

Bernard Weymouth Esqre

Secretary to Sloyds Register of British and Foreign shipping.

Sir,

In continuation of the subject of my letter by the last mail (N^o 27) I now beg to forward you the several affirmations herein contained which will, I think, go far to establish the fallacy of Captain Cator's statement regarding the non-survey of the Barque "Magnolia". I would, at the same time, beg you to observe that, the affidavit of myself and officers is but a negative oath and one that in cross examination would not stand. As it would be necessary for each individual to swear that he individually was on watch during the whole time (30 days and upwards) that the vessel was in dock. Had these people sworn that to the best of their knowledge I did not survey the vessel or that they had never seen me do so the affidavit might be a good one, but expressed as it is it is simply annoying to me and nothing further my attestation is an affirmation one and one, that as you see, can be positively borne out. I also send you a Certificate signed by several Dock officials (which would also have been attested by Captains Milne and Thompson, two of the private Surveyors of the port, had it not been holiday time here (both gentlemen having gone out of town) by which you will see that all surveys here (more specially during the freshets) are made in the early morning, so that there was nothing unusual in my having made the surveys as expressed. I must say that I was not ever anxious to meet Captain Cator on the surveys after his insulting behavior, so did not send for him. Had I noticed anything wrong relating to the repairs I should have written him on the subject. Counter parts of the enclosed have been forwarded by Messrs Gladstone Wyllie & Co. Lloyd's Agents to London. Trusting that I have done what is sufficient.

to exonerate me in the minds of the Committee

I have the honor to remain

Sir

Your Obedt Servt
Jm Stewart

Magistrate



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Capt J. Stewart

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