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"Majestic"
August 30th 1875.

Captn Stewart

Dear Sir,

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Yours of the 17th duly to hand, I am much surprised at the attitude you have assumed in this matter, having always been under the impression that a Surveyor's duty was to recommend any repairs he thought requisite, also to inspect such repairs & see they were properly done.

I put my ship in the Calidonian Dock, because I could get my work done as reasonable as in any dock, also as well done; & better than in Lond.

Allow me to point out to you that none of the work has or will be done under native supervision. Mr Dean, who is I need not say a thoroughly practical Shipwright, has been at the Dock the whole time the work has been going on; I have superintended the whole of the repairs. I have also an experienced Shipwright for Carpenter, who supervises the work, & I myself am seldom absent, I am so satisfied with all that has yet been done, that I can positively state it is impossible to get better work done anywhere. Surely it is better to put a ship into a dock.

where there is a shipwright superintendent, than into
a dock, where there is no practical man at the head, &
a foreman picked up anywhere for the occasion.

Allow me to draw your attention to the fact
that while Mr Dean has had the superintendence
of the dock I am now in, he has had forty seven
ships under repair & in no one instance has there been
any complaint of work badly done. which is more than
can be said of some docks.

In the event of there being any question as to why
Lloyd's Surveyor did not ^{to look at the ship} come, which I trust may not arise,
I must send this correspondence home to my owners, & to
people who do not know the perfectly honorable
character you bear, & the high position you hold
in Calcutta the fact of your recommending some docks
to the exclusion of others will be liable to misconception.

I am Dear Sir

Yours obediently
J. B. T. Cator.

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