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Secy to Lloyd's
London, E.C.

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"Magnolia"

Sir,
In continuation of what we wrote you last week regarding an unpleasant misunderstanding between our surveyor Capt. Stewart, and Capt Cator of the 'Magnolia' we send you by to-day's mail copies of the 'Englishman' of yesterday and to-day, the former containing a lot of correspondence relative to the survey of the "Magnolia" which as you will see has been published at Capt Cator's request together with an affidavit by Capt Stewart and the latter a letter from Capt Cator in reply to the affidavit. We would ask the Committee before taking this matter into final consideration to allow Capt Stewart an opportunity of bringing forward such evidence as he may be able to produce in his favour & to await the receipt of documents which we expect to be able to forward by next mail which he hopes will satisfy the Committee that the charges brought against him

are totally unfounded. Our own opinion is that Capt. Stewart has throughout acted perfectly honestly and that his only mistake was in refusing in the first place to attend the ship. This mistake he did his best to rectify as soon as he found, on considering the matter that he was not warranted in carrying out his original intention. We may add that by his own showing in his letter to the President of the Chamber of Commerce Capt. Cato did not hesitate to use or to allow to be used a certificate which he said he believed to be correct. You will also observe that though the certificate in question is dated 2 Sept. Capt. Cato did not think it necessary to take any exception to it, or to call our attention, as we consider he should have done to the alleged malpractices of our surveyors until 16/18 September when it was of course too late to remedy the evil supposed to have been done.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,
Your obedient Servants,
Gladstone Wyllie & Co
Agents to Lloyd's



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