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Steel Four-masted Barque "OSBORNE", 1798 tons, built
by Messrs. W. H. Potter & Sons in March 1892, and classed 100A-1.

DIMENSIONS. 312' x 45'-10" x 25'-5".

This vessel sailed from Liverpool to Calcutta with a cargo of salt, and arrived in July last, having leaked on the voyage: and it appears from the Calcutta Surveyor's report that "a large number of frame rivets were found to be slack, and many butts on the sides and under the bottom leaking", and in consequence of the same, the vessel is to be placed in dry dock for Special Survey.

Upon receipt of this information, Mr. Lawrence, who surveyed the vessel during construction, was communicated with, and he writes "I gather from the reports of Master and Surveyor that she has failed to perform the work expected of her, and would respectfully submit that, in vessels of large size, say above 2400 tons, additional transverse strength should be given them".

It may be stated that a large number of ships, a list of which is appended, have been built of similar dimensions, scantlings and arrangements, and we have no knowledge of any complaint having been made of their not performing their work satisfactorily.

At the same time, it is submitted that it is very important that this vessel should be carefully surveyed on her arrival home, as, in view of the nature of the cargo carried, and the experience gained of similar vessels, it is difficult to understand, if the workmanship were in all respects of a good character, how

this vessel should have turned out so unsatisfactory.

The Surveyor at Calcutta has been written to, and instructed to be careful in this instance to report fully of the details of the damage found, together with the repairs deemed necessary, when his survey has been completed.

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J. J. L.

*Case to be reconsidered after arrival
of the ship "Antrasia" from Rio.*

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