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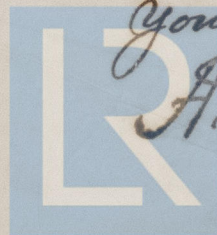
Dear Sir,

As the s.s. "Waverley" is now leaving for your Port to effect repairs - - consequent on her grounding at Madras. and the said repairs not being possible in Bombay, as no Dock accommodation could be obtained for the time required, light temporary repairs have been effected just to make her seaworthy for the trip round; - the after Peak has been partly - filled with cement. the Stard Hawse Pipe has been renewed; - but as it was done in a hurry, the fit is not a good one; - so must leave the fittings of this to you. - a new Bollard has been fitted on the Portside near Forecastle.

I had got through the greater part of her N^o 1 Survey following N^o 3. - but this accident will necessitate your doing it over again. - Mr. Moir, Engineer Surveyor has done the Engines and Boilers, as you will see by his certificate -

How strange it seems the sending
of a vessel from Bombay to Calcutta to
repair. the fact is we have no Docks that
can be termed repairing Docks, - that is to
say no Docks can be engaged for any
length of time, and now the Government
have refused the use of the Patent Lift
at Hog Island as not being trustworth..
We have only the Merweather and P. & O.
Docks, - the former can only be obtained
for any certainty for 48 hours, and the
P. & O. with the understanding that if one
of their own boats require the Dock, the
repairing ship will have to turn out and
wait a possible chance of redocking,
this of course is hard lines on Owners and
Underwriters. and certainly is not very cre-
ditable to a large Shipping Port like Bombay
and it appears to me that it is a great
oversight in not constructing a Dock that
could be used for repairing disabled vessels.
Wishing you the compliments
of the Season.

Believe me
Yours very truly
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