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18th June, 1897.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, respecting your report No.520 on the barque "GALATHEE", and in returning the sketches herewith, I have to request you will kindly state, in view of the drillings of G strake amidships and I strake forward showing a diminution in thickness from the original, whether the thicknesses now ascertained by drilling represent the general condition of these strakes of plating, or whether the plates have been drilled in places locally reduced in thickness.

I have to add that it is desirable you should at the same time make sure by reference to the sketches that the strakes indicated thereon are those which have actually been drilled, as the thicknesses ascertained would appear to correspond more nearly with those of strakes H and J.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H.Dewulf Esq.,

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Secretary.



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