

From Simpson, Spence & Young.

No. 2 To

M. K. Scott, Esq.,
Secretary,
Lloyds Register of Shipping,
London, England.

of Seaworthiness for one voyage and then to be broken up. The Survey made by your surveyor, Mr. House, was, in my opinion, the usual one for that type of ship and we carried out his recommendations in detail. I feel very strongly that the ship on leaving New York was in seaworthy condition. We had some boiler tube trouble on the way across, which necessitated stopping and plugging the tubes, but I wish to draw to your attention the fact that the ship arrived without undue delay or any calls for help or assistance. The ship then laid in Ardrossan about seventeen days without any steam. I also understand that Mr. Dobie stated that the ship was in a leaking condition, yet we had no occasion to pump the bilges during that time, which, of course, answers his charge as to the leakage.

Answering also the charge that the Board of Trade contemplated detaining the vessel at Ardrossan, this is quite untrue, as in the ordinary course of events, the Board of Trade surveyor came on board and surveyed the ship and passed her as seaworthy and made a report to that effect to the Collector of Customs at Ardrossan, which report no doubt would be available to you.

I expect to be in London within the next few months and I will call upon you and discuss the matter further, as we do not want to be placed in a position where we are open to an attack by an unprincipled junior officer, sailor or fireman, and in closing would ask that you kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

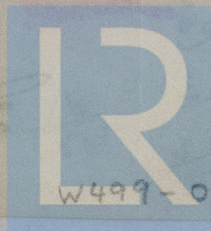
Yours very truly,

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