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In the letter received from Mr. Campbell, the Society's Forgings Inspector at Newcastle, in reply to the Secretary's letter regarding the defects in the cast steel stern frame of the above vessel, it is stated that the lower "half" of the cast steel stern frame was found to be unsound in the radius at the bottom of the back post (presumed to be the rudder post), whereas in the Newcastle Report No. 74602 it is stated that the lower portion of the stern frame was found fractured on the heel under the propeller post.

The description of the fracture which he states was found at the back post, and his views and opinions of the cause of the failure of the stern frame, are not satisfactorily expressed, nor does the sketch forwarded with his letter accurately describe the position and character of the fracture.

It is submitted Mr. Campbell should be informed accordingly, and he should be requested to <sup>explain the</sup> ~~send an amended~~ ~~reply to the Secretary's letter~~ after consultation with the Principal Surveyor and with Messrs. Brown & Gray, the Surveyors who examined the ship in the Mercantile Dry Dock.

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