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12th April, 1905.

Gentlemen,

I am in receipt of Mr. Allan's letter of the 11th instant, from which it is noted that in the case of Messrs. Sir James Laing & Sons' S.S.No.607, the Builders are applying to this vessel's bottom, in lieu of cement, a bituminous solution made by ^{Mepro} Gail of Newcastle in accordance with the Owners' requirement.

Before the Committee's approval can be given to the use of this cement, samples of the composition should be forwarded for their information shewing the thicknesses of the coating when finished.

It is also observed that the Builders have promised to obtain particulars of the material which will be forwarded in due course, when the matter will receive further consideration.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

The Surveyors,
SUNDERLAND.



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