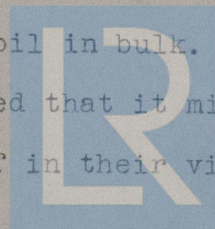


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Mr. Watt has received a summons-subpoena to attend the formal Enquiry into the loss of the "LA CRESCENTA" on Monday, November 18th, at 11 a.m., and attention is directed to the letter received from Messrs. Parker, Garrett & Co. dated 23rd October last, the third paragraph of which reads as follows:-

"We presume that you will now let us have for
"consideration the materials which have been collected
"in your office in connection with this Inquiry, and
"if Dr. Montgomerie desires to discuss the case with us
"we shall of course be very glad to see him."

The Society's Solicitors have been supplied with copies of all the reports, copies of which have been given to the Board of Trade for production at the Enquiry, and have also had access to all the correspondence on the case, ~~for perusal~~. What they have not received is a statement prepared by the Chief Ship Surveyor on the subject of strength. The construction of this vessel was begun as a cargo ship, and was afterwards converted for the purpose of carrying oil in bulk when partly constructed, and it is possible that some attention may be directed at the Enquiry to this fact, and to the arrangements which were approved by the Committee for adapting the construction of the vessel, so far as it had then proceeded, to the service of carrying oil in bulk. This statement is attached, and it is suggested that it might be advisable to send it to the Solicitors, and if in their view an interview with



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the Chief Ship Surveyor is necessary or desirable, this
could be arranged towards the end of next week.

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