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Dear Mr. Scott:-

I have today seen and had a talk with Mr. J.R. Gordon, regarding the loss of the S.S. "HEWITT".

He showed me a copy of a letter dated April 1st to the London office (this letter should now be in your hands) which gives pretty well the whole story of the last voyage of the vessel which was on her second voyage after having had a big overhaul and repair under our survey at the W. & A. Fletcher Dry Dock.

The vessel had her usual cargo of about 8,000 tons of sulphur, and up to the time of receiving the last wireless message, was having a smooth passage.

It is however known that a large 5-masted schooner, the "CARROLL A. DEERING" came ashore on the Florida Coast, not far from where the "HEWITT" was heard from, with all sails set and no crew on board, shortly after the "HEWITT" was missing, and it is possible that the two vessels were in collision and the crew of the sailing vessel had jumped on board the steamer, thinking that a safer place than their own vessel, and that "HEWITT" foundered with both crews.

Mr. Gordon is of opinion that if the "HEWITT" was holed in one of her large holds she would sink very rapidly.

It could never be ascertained if the schooner had actually been in collision as she broke up and was nearly buried in the sand before the Coastguards were able to make any inspection.

Mr. Gordon wishes to be kindly remembered to you.

Yours sincerely,

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London.



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