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Sir/

In conformity with the instructions contained in your Letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> I Specially surveyed on the 29<sup>th</sup> the Barque "Simoon" of 466 Tons lying afloat at Liverpool laden with Cargo to the height of the Hold Beams, I was however enabled to examine the parts in dispute and beg to Report the following.

The Shifting of Butts complained of is confined to the Wales on the Port side only several of which have two strakes between them with a distance of  $2-6^{\frac{1}{2}}$  to  $2-9^{\frac{1}{2}}$  except one place close Forward which is  $1-6^{\frac{1}{2}}$  with two between, not any of them materially affect the strength of the Ship. The Treennails are as described by M<sup>r</sup> Winram. She has a substantial Shelf and Waterway to the Hold Beams each of them  $11^{\frac{1}{2}}$  wide by  $6^{\frac{1}{2}}$  deep, and a Shelf to the Upper Deck Beams of the same dimensions viz  $11^{\frac{1}{2}}$  wide by  $6^{\frac{1}{2}}$  deep all of Quebec Oak apparently of good quality, the Strake next



below the Upper Deck Shelf is of Pitch Pine and so is all the Planking between this and the Waterway or Stringer upon Hold Beams. On reference to the accompanying Sketch it will be seen that had the Shelf (which is of Quebec Oak) been placed the reverse way it would have been called a Clamp eligible for 10 A and it is certainly hard towards the Owner to fix upon the Strake below as the Clamp: it is very frequently difficult to discriminate Clamps from Shelf Pieces, they having to perform the same service and are alike situated when next the Beams. It appears to me that the principal thing which the Committee have to consider is the part Pitch Pine Treennails: She is very strongly fastened and the Materials are good of their kinds. The Waterways are much larger than described in the Report which I have marked in Red Ink.

I take the liberty of stating my opinion that the Committee might justly raise her to the D A grade.

I beg to call the Committee's attention to Table N<sup>o</sup> 3 of Rules relative to Shelf Pieces and Clamps, there it will be found of the eight Columns therein, five are precisely of the same materials, and the others nearly so; the Committee would do well to make them alike, as there is no just reason why Shelf Pieces, and Clamps should not be of



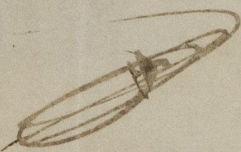
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