

George B. Seyfang Esq. Newport Mon  
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Sir, In reply to your letter of the  
2<sup>nd</sup> instant, I beg leave to acquaint  
you that the Berque Ocean Spray 324  
Tons, is now at Cardiff. I called on board  
and found that orders has been sent  
to one of the Ship Builders at Cardiff  
from the Owner, to make and supply  
all the necessary spars required, as  
soon as they are completed - I will report  
accordingly.

I also beg to acquaint  
you that in accordance with your  
instructions, I have examined and sur-  
veyed the Schooner "Lily" 105 Tons, Register  
of Oxford, now lying at Cardiff.

I have in accordance with  
your request, carefully examined  
and surveyed the aforesaid vessel  
by my examination I find that she has  
a Keel 12 x 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> ins. American  
Oak well fastened, Thick Limber 12  
ins, next stoke, 5 inches diminished to  
3 ins. across stoke, 4 inch Bridges  
inside, Deck Beam Plank 13 inches wide  
7 inches at upper edge and 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> lower edge



That is dimensioned from 7 inches to 3 5/8  
Below this Shelf or Clamp - five Strakes  
3 3/4 inches Planks, and all the remaining  
Ceilings to the Bilge 8 inches. She has one  
Pair of Iron Hanging Tines extending  
down to take bolts in the the Floors bet  
the Bilges - Upper Deck Waterways  
18 inches wide amidships - Sheer Strakes  
inches, with 5 Strakes. 4 inch Stakes, all  
well fastened, and the workmanship  
throughout the vessel exceedingly  
well executed. I am of opinion the  
extra thickness of planking compensa  
tes for the diagonal Iron Plates -  
And upon the whole she may be con  
sidered a very superior vessel for  
four years service only. And I quite  
agree with Mr Wright in his opinion  
of the vessel in question, that she is equal  
to any five years North American vessel.  
I also consider the <sup>thick</sup> planking throughout  
Iron Rivets, and good workmanship  
with fastenings, fully compensates for the  
diagonal Iron Plates - I am

Yours faithfully  
To George B. Derbyshire  
London