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13th June, 1906.

Dear Mr. Scott,

We received the following telegram from the Cardiff Surveyors this morning:-

"Been requested attend Bute Proving House tomorrow test cable 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ for Cunard steamer please write what are statutory tests this size".

As we knew nothing of the matter, and the request was of an unusual character, we wired Cardiff as follows:-

"Wire received. Please telegraph who has requested you test cable for Cunarder, together with any other explanatory particulars".

They replied:-

"Cable for Cunarder request made by Brown Lenox and Co., Pontypridd, makers, on behalf of Cunard Co. for Surveyors special attendance. Mr. Hamilton will attend 11 tomorrow".

After consulting with Mr. Stanbury and Dr. Bruhn, I sent you the following telegram to the St. Enoch Hotel:-

"Cardiff Surveyors telegraph they are requested by Brown Lenox, Pontypridd, on behalf of Cunard Company to attend Bute Proving House test cable 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ for Cunarder tomorrow. Hamilton proposes @ 11 at eleven o'clock. Please wire whether this considered to be in order".



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I am now awaiting your reply.

It occurs to me that unless there are special circumstances of which we are unaware, the attendance of the Society's Surveyors at the Proving House might be regarded as an interference with the responsibility of the Superintendent, and might possibly be resented by the representatives of the Marquess of Bute. In any event, I should think some explanatory letter should be addressed to Penn before the Surveyors go.

Apart from the second telegram from Cardiff, we have no knowledge of the Curcard Company's having made any application in the matter, and we are therefore not in a position to write to Penn in a satisfactory way.

As regards the statutory tests for $3\frac{1}{2}$ cable there is no difficulty. They are laid down in the Act of Parliament, and Penn will know what to do.

Yours sincerely,

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~~5.45~~ p.m.

P.S. I enclose a copy of a letter which has been addressed to the Cardiff Surveyors tonight. Probably I shall hear from you in the morning.



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