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The Secretary Sir

In reply to your telegram of today. "If I can't contrived trial of vessel burning liquid fuel report fully for Committee to-morrow Thursday."

I beg respectfully to inform you that I did not witness the trial and burning of the fuel. I arranged with Mr Matthews (the owners representative) to go to sea when the vessel was ready and he (Mr Matthews) promised that notice should be given. In expectation of such notice I visited the office on Good Friday morning but there was nothing in the letter having reference to the Charles Howard.

I was away from home the rest of the day & when I returned late at night I learned that someone had left word at my house that the vessel was going to sea that night. I proceeded to Tyne Dock on the Saturday morning & was informed by the Dock Master that the vessel had left between four & five o'clock that morning.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant  
Richard Hirst



For Mr. Parker

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