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The Secretary
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~~E. Carey Esq.~~

LONDON.

My dear Carey,

Mr. Turnbull has been approached by the Directors of Smiths Dock Co. Ltd. regarding fees which were charged for survey of alterations carried out to the oil tanker "CLYDEFIELD" as per Newcastle Report No. 92839, which fees have to be paid by the Repairers themselves in accordance with their contract. The job was apparently taken at a very low figure in competition with firms on the Continent and the Ship Repairers have, I am afraid, come out of it none too well. They quote other cases of somewhat similar structural alterations, including four cases of shortening - The 'Manipur', 'Magdapur' etc. at Middlesbrough, in which smaller fees were apparently charged and they are very anxious to know whether we could see our way to make some reduction in the account which has been sent to them in the present instance.

Our fee is perhaps rather high having regard to the fact that 23 visits only were paid and Mr. Turnbull and I are wondering whether a suggestion to reduce the £105 to £75 would be sympathetically received in London. The reduced figure would we think be acceptable to Smith's Dock Co.

The matter seems to be somewhat urgent on the part of Messrs. Smiths and I should be very much obliged if you could drop me a line by return of post expressing your opinion and suggesting in what manner we should put the matter forward officially presuming such action to be necessary.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

