

Glasgow

April 26th 1894

James Morrison

Mr John McNeachie the
Owner's Superintending Engineer
Survey the machinery of the S.S.
"Crown of Stravon" while lying
at this port on the 28th ult. &
Subsequent dates for the purpose
of ascertaining the amount of
damages that to have been
caused to the Engines by a
Series of breakages of the Shafts
in this vessel while on her
voyage from the Cape ports to
Reunion, Reunion via Zanzibar
Kun, to Mauritius, Marseilles, & thence
to Liverpool & Glasgow extending
over a period from 29th September
1893 to the 26th March 1894.

From the Engineer's Log Book
it would appear that while on
the voyage the vessel experienced
very heavy weather.



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Engine's to race and on the 24th Feb,
the Crank Shaft coupling bolts began
to give trouble by becoming loose
& broken. On the 5th Dec the propeller
Shaft broke inside the stern tube
but as the Engine's were to have
been slowed down at once no damage
occurred to the tube.

The spare propeller shaft was put
in place & the propeller refitted at
Zanzibar the vessel having been
towed into that port.

On the 15th January the second
length of Tunnel Shaft broke
through at No 2 bearing block.
This broke the Engine's & repairs
by clamping the broken ends
together & thereby enabling the
vessel to proceed to Suez arriving
there on the 24th January. This
Shaft was replaced by a new one
sent out from Glasgow & on the
16th February the vessel sailed
from Suez.

Again on the 23rd March while
the vessel was near Liverpool
the Thrust Shaft broke through
at Collars, and during the
at coupling of the Crank Shaft
damaged & strained the tube.



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For further particulars see Log
Books & Debit.

On examination found the
length of shafting, propeller, Linn
bracket & crank, broken & damaged
as described together with Linn
& Linnel shaft bearing blocks and
fastenings broken.

Recommended the whole of the
shafting and damaged Linnel bearing
to be renewed except No. 2 length
shaft which was renewed at
Linn. The shaft to be taken out
and tested for fairness in the
lathe. The Engines to be opened
up and all the working parts
Cylinders pistons & valves & pumps
levers &c. examined & overhauled
in order to put the machinery
of his vessel in as good condition
as before the occurrence of the
various casualties in question.

James M. Wilson

The Engineer



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