

542 Argyle Street  
26<sup>th</sup> April 1872. Glasgow

Thomas James Gold

At the request of Captain the  
Dreaded Superintendent Survey  
of the Crown of Aragon. I have  
been requested, by Mr. John G. Donisthorpe,  
whale master in the Cossack dock  
and in the river Clyde, Glasgow,  
for the purpose of ascertaining the  
extent of damage stated to have been  
sustained through stress of weather,  
breaking of shafts &c while on a  
voyage from Cape Ports to Réunion,  
Réunion via Tangier & Suez to  
Marsilles and Marsilles to  
Liverpool. For particulars  
see Log Book.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> March 1874 and  
subsequently the undersigned found  
the top of shaft tunnel immediately  
under main mast set down  
about  $\frac{1}{2}$  (half) an inch under the



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tunnel broad slightly over to starboard  
a tunnel plate or portcullis, bulged  
and fractured in middle of one of  
the tunnel beams under main  
mast, and the stuffing box plates,  
round shaft at after bulkhead  
of engine room torn away.

Also found the following deck  
damage:- Steps of the  
accommodation ladder broken,  
sides of little cleated and  
lower railing carried away and  
ladder otherwise damaged;  
six lengths of galvanized iron  
carrying over planks broken or  
unshipped and broken, and  
eighteen cast iron chains to some  
broken; two after bridge deck ladders  
broken; two ports to ventilators  
to after between decks broken;  
one cover round to starboard  
ventilator to fore between  
decks bent; also a trans-  
verse ventilator to forecastle  
broken; one stay to a 3  
(one inch) steel wire harpooner,  
rod bent; eye bolts for fixing life-  
ring crook to bulkhead and harness  
crook damaged. The port bolt



on bridge damaged breaking two  
planks of sole on starboard side,  
rudder bands to the two after  
boats started and carried away  
and the stern bands damaged;  
two leak down to after deck house  
split and started and one  
place to window broken; one  
iron structure and two lengths  
of iron rod foul. on forecastle  
port side, bent mizzen upper  
rod to nail on starboard side  
just abaft forecastle broken;  
one structure and three lengths  
of rod nail just abaft main  
partnering on starboard side bent  
inwards; the after diagonal  
play to flying bridge on port  
side bent and deck plate to  
game started; the deck plate to  
iron cratch for supporting derrick  
to number one hatch, started;  
windlass strained; two bower  
machines and one length of  
chain cable broken; one 13 (feet)  
towing hawser broken and  
badly charged and 7" (several)  
manilla rope broken and  
a portion gone; and thirteen



some blisters, and in connection  
with the propeller which struck  
into the engine room at Singapore, more or less  
damaged - Please you send  
details re -

The undesignated receiver  
wished Park, in order to relieve  
the tunnel from further damage.  
He must be stopped independently  
of the tunnel by fitting, two  
new bulkheads at the height  
of the engine struts above the  
tunnel top, fitting to follow  
on these beams with a fore and  
aft bulkhead under steps of  
metal and four pillars under  
beams; a hatch be fitted on  
tunnel plating, where bulged  
and fractured, the stuffing box  
plate removed at a breadth  
of engine space; the accommodation  
ladder be removed six long bars  
of galvanized iron covering plates  
and bottom chains to turn  
bars removed; two tank ladders  
removed; three couls to ventilators  
to be repaired and placed in new  
position immediately removed; the  
pail for steel beams repaired;



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eye bolts for hawsers each renewed  
and each repositioned, the three  
boats repaired; two done to  
lower aft repaired and the  
broken glass renewed; the rail  
and structures on forecastle  
and on main deck repaired;  
the diagonal stay to flying  
bridge repaired and deck plate  
restored; the deck plate to  
derrick crutch restored at  
number one hatch; windlass  
examined and repaired; two  
lower anchors renewed and  
one length of chain cable  
repaired and noted to at  
Lloyd's Planning House; one  
thirteen inch manilla towing  
hawser and one seven inch  
manilla rope renewed and  
fifteen blocks repaired, all  
done in order to place the vessel  
in as good and efficient condition  
as she was before the damage  
in question was sustained.

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