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Sir,

I have just received your Cable message dated 6th concerning the 'Cedarbank' the delay owing to the breakage of both Cables, and I have merely time to acknowledge receipt as the mail is on the point of closing -

Devis have examined the bottom of the 'Cedarbank' and their reports shew no absolute necessity for dry docking the vessel at this port - the expense will be very great. - However I shall as soon as possible see Captain Grunoditch the owners representative with reference to your message which is - that the Owners request examination in dry dock and efficient permanent repairs -

Tenders have been called for, and the owners will by this time be in possession of the estimated cost. I have not heard the amount, but I believe that to discharge and reload sufficient cargo to enable the 'Cedarbank' to dry-dock with safety - together with the other expenses in effecting permanent repairs at this port, will amount to such a sum that the vessel will be practically a constructive total loss.

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Of course I am writing now with no knowledge of the
tenders sent in, I am merely giving an opinion, I
verily believe that the most economical and best course for
all parties concerned would have been to tow the ship
home.

I will write again next mail, if necessary
will cable. meanwhile will recommend as advised
by you.

I am
Sir
Your obedient servant
Stephen.



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Referred to the Chief Surveyor

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Also for Mr. Hill to note



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