

S. S. Compton of 1804 tons No 1128 in the Register Book, built at Newcastle in 1878 and classed 100 A.1.

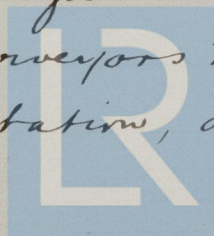
Dimensions $280 \times 34.7 \times 24.4$

This vessel belongs to Messrs Wm Milburn & Co, and is loading ^{rails and sleepers} ~~the~~ at Sunderland for India.

An application has been made to the Sunderland Surveyors to "watch the loading" of this steamer with a view to granting a certificate as to Draught of water when the loading is completed.

It is respectfully submitted that it has been customary in London, in cases of disagreement between Owners and Brokers for the Committee, upon a joint application being made from both parties, to sanction a Survey being held upon the vessel to determine the further amount of Cargo, if any, the vessel might be allowed with safety to take. In issuing a report or Certificate on the case however it was found necessary only to state how much Cargo should be put in or taken out for the particular voyage, and to avoid stating any particular draught of water, as this latter if stated might be liable to misuse on future voyages.

This practice, although deemed suitable for London, where the Surveyors have special opportunities for consultation, and the facts are

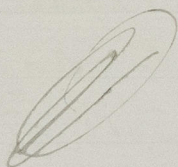


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fully known, has not been sanctioned generally, and it appears desirable that in all such cases at the out-ports the Surveyors should not undertake such duties without in the first place obtaining in each case the sanction of the Committee.

"The present application differs from the above practice, as it requests that the Surveyor might be permitted to "watch the loading"; and in effect he would thus become responsible in a measure for the stowage of the vessel, which it is respectfully submitted does not merit the approval of the Committee.



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