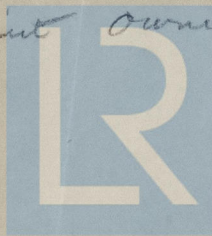


Complaint by Lloyd's agent
against owner agent Douglas



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Mazatlan 14th Jan.
1899.

The Secretary
Lloyd's
London.

Dear Sir,

I received yesterday the following message from your Corporation, "Altata" cable whether new keel plates fitted.—

Said steamer left here at beginning month, 2nd inst, for "Altata" and Agiabampo but as our Governor had to go on to Guaymas, he chartered said steamer to continue on from Agiabampo about 100 to 125 miles, to aforesaid port of G. and he rode up from Culiacan, our State Capital to Agiabampo, to embark there on his projected journey to City of Mexico, per Rail from Gmas. Douglas meanwhile, decided for the "Altata" to go into the dry dock there, which had been repaired and handed over by the owner Mr Joaquin Redo, to the Mex. Govt. and for the Captain to have the keel plates put on here bottom without further form or inspection.

I therefore have just sent you the following answer: Placing Plates Guaymas without Inspector as I could get no satisfactory answer from Douglas, who I presume does not know yet whether the plates have turned out a fit or not.

I had Mr. Alexander ready to go up

on "Altata," whenever needed, and
could ^{have} even got a Mr Fearon, Chief
Engineer on the Mex. m. o. w. Oaxaca
in Guaymas, but agent Douglas
never solicited any inspection, and
he likes to do things his own way,
regardless of everyone - He never
even intimated a word about the
"Altata" continuing up to Guaymas,
although he knew it was indispens-
able to send her up there, to have
the keel plates put in place, after
having received them six months
ago -

I hope you ^{will} get his owners to
make him more mindful of his
obligations, as regards the caring
for your rules, and regulations, or
disown him altogether; his behaviour
in running the Guaymas affair
was unpardonable; she was not
fit to go to sea, when he sent her to
her destruction. I have here the
report of ~~the~~ Engineer Fearon on her,
given me at the beginning of 1896,
when he declared her hull weak &
unseaworthy, and I sent you
then copy of same.

signed (C. Woolrich
(Lloyd's Agent)