

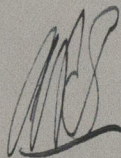
Bracketed Tanker "CHARLES PRATT"

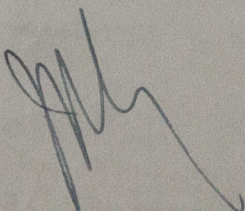
This vessel was recently under survey at Newport News, when considerable renewals in the plating of the flat of bottom were carried out, and at that time Mr. French was informed that it would be advantageous if the Surveyor would furnish detailed information regarding certain points, -see Secretary's letter of 2nd ultimo.-

A letter has now been received from Mr. French, enclosing one from the Newport News Surveyor replying to the questions put to him in the Secretary's letter referred to and stating that a sample of the fractured plating is being forwarded to Manchester, by one of the Manchester Liners, and the Manchester Surveyors have been requested to forward this sample here.

It is submitted action might be deferred pending the receipt of the sample.

It is noted that the Newport News Surveyor refers to the tanker "F.Q.BARSTOW", which is owned by the same Owners and is understood to be under survey at Newport News for repairs and completion of Special Survey, and states that similar conditions prevail in that vessel, and that a sample of plating from that ship is also being forwarded.

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