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Messrs Glover Bros  
88 Bishopsgate Street  
London E.C.

Dear Sirs

"  
Yrs Jose de Aramburn"  
~~~~~

We commenced to cut out the  
stem this morning and found the  
holes in the plates in nine cases out  
of ten so bad that we stopped until  
some understanding could be come to, as  
to how we would do when Lloyd's saw  
them. We have had Mr. Lawrence  
along with the new Chief Surveyor &  
Mr. Shute, and they agree with me  
that if the stem is taken out <sup>many</sup> ~~all~~  
if the stem plates are to renew, and  
it is a question if the Underwriters



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is now you will please  
I am further  
should pay for defective holes which  
was original bad workmanship.  
At first it looked as if we could  
do no other than remove the stem,  
And I wired you to this effect.  
but this afternoon we have made  
other arrangements and I am obliged  
to act. I have ordered Messrs J & K  
Thompson to cut the stem and  
fit new upper part they wired you  
I understand regarding this matter today.  
I enclose you a rough sketch which  
shows the holes in plates & stem.  
The work is now going on quite  
in order. You better confirm my ar-  
rangements by letter. I am going  
home by 6 train tonight over