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Sir

My Messrs G & G Barwick have their  
brig Eden undergoing a very extensive repair  
having cut her in two and lengthened her  
perhaps 16 feet which hole is now built up  
and I believe all, or if not, as near as possible  
the whole of the outside planks is off and they are  
now removing some keels and bilge planks  
before they can disturb anything more inside.  
On Saturday I intimated that "now" is the time  
to give notice for special survey if restoration  
was intended when they hesitated and appeared  
to see an obstacle in the "uncertain expense"  
which of course I could not fix and determine.

Yesterday the Brothers called at my house  
in my absence but afterwards seeing Mr. S. J.  
he said he & his B. could not make up  
their minds till they heard what were the  
charges and class of their ships Matchless  
and Ratcliffe, and much astonished at not  
being advised, I suggested that probably they  
had not paid the fee for the Matchless and  
that the Ratcliffe was not yet reported:  
the latter vessel is not yet out of dock and  
wants some part of her equipments - her old  
cables were small & new ordered - also want  
the fee - if anything has been done in classing  
the Matchless and the fee only wanted please  
write them to pay the same in London - if  
other obstacle which I can clear away please  
advise me - with best wishes to the boat  
and Sir  
Yours Obedt Servt  
Thos. S. J.



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