

Enclosure 2 in No. 45.

Mr. SMITH to Messrs. SHAW, SAVILL, and Co.

DEAR SIR,—

7, Westminster Chambers, London, S.W., 17th March, 1876.

I shall feel obliged by your informing me how the emigrants' stores were stowed in the "British Empire," and whether, in getting access to any of them, it was necessary to lift the hatches in the single women's compartment; and, if so, what portion of the stores were so stowed.

I have, &c.,

Messrs. Shaw, Savill, and Co.

E. A. SMITH.

Enclosure 3 in No. 45.

Messrs. SHAW, SAVILL, AND Co. to Mr. SMITH.

DEAR SIR,—

34, Leadenhall Street, London, E.C., 22nd March, 1876.

We duly received your favour, and, after making inquiries relative to the "British Empire," we find that the emigrants' stores were all stowed in the 'tween-decks before the main hatch, with the exception of the salt provisions, which were in the fore-hold, and the water, part of which was in the fore-hold and part in the after-hold, stowed in the after-hatch as usual.

We are, &c.,

E. A. Smith, Esq., 7, Westminster Chambers, S.W.

(pro Shaw, Savill, and Co.,)

JOHN GREENWAY.

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