

What age is Mr. Storey ?

About 40.

Whose employ is he in ?

Don't know ; but sails a ship belonging to North Shields.

Is he owner or part owner of any ship ?

May possess part of a ship, but does not know.

Where did Mr. Shore meet Mr. Storey when the communication relating to the icebergs took place ?

In a walk between Tynemouth and North Shields.

Does Mr. Shore know to what part of America the vessel was bound that fell in with the icebergs ?

Thinks to the St. Lawrence.

Was the approximate latitude or longitude intimated ?

In the neighbourhood of the banks of Newfoundland.

Did Mr. Shore hear the name of the master or of the ship ?

Did not hear ; Mr. Storey avoided mentioning it to him.

Am I to understand that the two three-masted vessels were resting on the ice, and quite out of the water ?

Quite out of the water, but particulars of position not mentioned.

From what Mr. Shore knows of Mr. Storey, would he (Mr. Shore) think it probable that Mr. Storey would invent those particulars ?

Thinks not ; he is a plain, clear-spoken man ; thinks Mr. Storey's name is Thomas, and that he lives in Back-street, Tynemouth.

Does Mr. Shore think it possible that the master of any British ship could have fallen in with icebergs and ships lifted on them, as reported, without endeavouring to communicate and ascertain more particularly what they were ?

Yes, he does think it possible, from his knowledge of the indifference with which the master and crew of merchant vessels view things which do not immediately concern them.

Does Mr. Shore conceive it possible that such an event occurring on the voyage would not be reported on arriving at the first port ?

For the reason above, he thinks it might not be reported.

Would it not be the subject of conversation, and thus become public ?

Perhaps not.

Admiral Sir Thomas Briggs, &c. &c.,
Portsmouth.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Lewis T. Jones,*
Captain.

No. 4.

(Confidential.)

Sir,

Admiralty, 28 March 1852.

I AM commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to transmit to you copies of a correspondence which has taken place respecting two ships having been seen drifting with an iceberg off North America, and to desire that you will make minute inquiries into the subject, ascertaining for your own information the character of Mr. Storey (if there be such a person), and otherwise examining into the truth of this statement, reporting thereon for their Lordships' information.

Nos. 1, 2, 3.

Commander H. C. Hawkins, R.N.
Inspecting Commander of the Coast Guard,
Sunderland.

I am, &c.
(signed) *A. Stafford.*