

We, Mayor of the City of Havre, certify that the above six signatures, are really those of Messrs. Philippe, Thomas, Cobert, Gremont, Griot and Rion, Visiting Captains living in this Town, and that credence ought to be given thereunto.

Given in the City Hall of Havre, the 2d Aug. 1836.

(Signed) A. LEMAISTRE.

Seen, to authenticate the signature of Mr. A. Lemaistre, Mayor of Havre, affixed to the foregoing. Havre, the 2d August, 1836.

Signature and Seal of the Sub-Prefect.

We, the undersigned, Merchant-owners, Captains and Builders of Ships, certify to whom it may concern, that a long, constant, and every day's experience has incontestably proved to us the following facts.

In Ships fastened with Iron bolts and nails, and sheathed with Zinc, no reciprocal and injurious action of the one metal upon the other has been observed, the Zinc covering or sheathing increases by no means the natural oxidation of the Iron, whether mastich and barred paper is put between the Zinc and the Iron, for instance at the Iron nails and bolts of the side planking, and of the keel, or whether these two metals are in immediate contact, as at the covering of the stern-post and the rudder and the Iron covering of these two pieces. But a great deal of Zinc sheathing is fastened with Iron nails, tinned, and even in that case we have observed no destructive reciprocal action between these nails and the sheets of Zinc which they fasten.

In Ships fastened with Iron bolts and nails, it is certain that the Iron by no means injures the durability of the Copper, which, on the contrary, it rather protects; but that the action of the Copper on the Iron is so destructive, that the Iron bolts and nails put

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