

NORWEGIAN BARQUE "ELLEN."

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

RECOMMENDING

*That an appropriation be made to refund the amount paid to the navy yard at Gosport for repairs of the Norwegian barque "Ellen."*

FEBRUARY 15, 1858.—Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
*Washington, February 12, 1858.*

SIR: I have the honor herewith to enclose two communications, addressed to the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, respectively, recommending that an appropriation be made to refund to the vice-consul of Sweden and Norway at Norfolk, Virginia, the sum of \$749 92, paid by him to the United States navy yard at Gosport, in behalf of the captain and owners of the Norwegian barque Ellen, for repairs to that vessel on the occasion of her putting into the port of Norfolk to land passengers saved from the wreck of the steamer Central America. I will thank you to give these communications their appropriate direction.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

LEWIS CASS.

HON. JAMES L. ORR,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
*Washington, February 11, 1858.*

SIR: I have the honor herewith to transmit a copy of a communication addressed to this department by Mr. Robertson, the vice-consul of Sweden and Norway at Norfolk, Virginia, enclosing a bill paid by him to the navy yard at Gosport, for repairs to the Norwegian barque Ellen, on the occasion of her putting into the port of Norfolk to land passengers saved from the wreck of the steamer Central America.

I have no doubt that your committee, in view of the character of the services rendered by the barque Ellen, will favorably consider the application made by Mr. Robertson in behalf of her captain and owners, and I therefore recommend that an appropriation be made to refund the amount paid by him to the United States navy yard at Gosport.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

LEWIS CASS.

Hon. J. GLANCEY JONES,  
*Chairman Com. Ways and Means, House of Representatives.*

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*Mr. Robertson to Mr. Cass.*

VICE-CONSULATE OF SWEDEN AND NORWAY,  
*Norfolk, Virginia, February 8, 1858.*

SIR: I take the liberty of transmitting for the consideration of Congress the enclosed bill, paid by me to our navy yard here, amounting to \$749 92, for the partial repairs of the Norwegian barque Ellen, Captain A. Johnson, which vessel, in deviation of her voyage, put into this port to land the passengers so meritoriously saved from the wreck of the ill-fated steamer Central America.

On the arrival of said vessel in this port in her crippled condition, the department generously proffered every assistance, suggesting if the power were invested with them no charge would be made; but both they or the commodore not possessing the power, regular payment was demanded and promptly accorded. My aim is now in behalf of Captain Johnson and his owners, to get the same refunded, in which I am sure our worthy representative, John S. Wilson, esq., will give his hearty co-operation.

I have the honor to be, sir, your most obedient servant,

DN. ROBERTSON.

Hon. LEWIS CASS,  
*Secretary of State, Washington.*

NORWEGIAN BARQUE ELLEN,

To NAVY DEPARTMENT, DR.

1857. October 20. To cost of repairs, equipment, &c., in the following departments, viz:

	Labor.	Materials.	Total.
Mastmakers .....	\$20 19	\$19 95	\$40 14
Riggers .....	76 00	111 00	187 00
Boat builders.....	91 34	31 96	123 30
Painters .....	12 00	10 40	22 40
Blockmakers .....	79 38	24 39	103 77
Sailmakers .....	27 00	-----	27 00
Blacksmiths .....	137 96	19 92	157 88
Plumbers .....	9 68	15 00	24 68
Machinists .....	2 25	-----	2 25
Coopers .....	-----	31 00	31 00
Common laborers.....	30 50	-----	30 50
Total cost.....	486 30	263 62	749 92

October 21, 1857.

I certify that the above account, as reported to my office, is correct.

S. T. HARTT,  
*Naval Constructor.*

Approved:

THOS. A. DORNIN,  
*Commandant.*

UNITED STATES NAVY YARD, GOSPORT, VA.,  
*Purser's Office, October 22, 1857.*

Received of Duncan Robertson, esq., agent for Norwegian barque "Ellen," the sum of seven hundred forty-nine and  $\frac{92}{100}$  dollars for repairs, &c., done at this yard on said barque.

\$749 92.

J. Y. MASON, JR.,  
*Purser.*

32th January 1954  
The Western Herald  
To His Majesty the King  
The Palace, London

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the above mentioned matter.

I am sorry that the above matter is not yet settled, but I am sure that it will be resolved in due course.

I am, Sir, very truly yours,  
The Secretary