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Captain, David Clark
or Sir,

In reference to the Reports
which have been put in circulation since
your arrival here of the unsea worthing
ness of the Brig Catherine under your
Command - Coumaging, as it may also the
presumption of Criminal Conduct on the
part of some Persons on Board. It
became my duty to say that as the Parties
who have put these Reports in Circulation
checking Supporting them, Statements by Evidence
I have reason to believe that they were
mistaken - and that they are even, under
conviction of that Nature, themselves, and
I can not help reproaching the Conduct of
those who would thus gratuitously state
what has a Tendency to injure the Char-
acter and Property of others.

Yours Truly
Jas Dawson
Lieut Agent

Peterborough 29 June 1853