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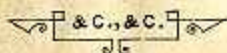
ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMPANY.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"COCKSHEAD, TUNSTALL-STAFF."

TELEPHONE NO 1437.

Chatterley-Whitfield Collieries, Limited,

CONTRACTORS TO
THE ADMIRALTY,
THE WAR OFFICE,
H.M. OFFICE OF WORKS,



Tunstall, 11 February 1903
STOKE-ON-TRENT.

Messrs Worsley Mesnes Ironworks Ltd
WIGAN.

Gentlemen,

HESKETH WINDING ENGINES

We had trouble with the right hand crank shaft bearing yesterday and on opening out for inspection were astounded to find what appears to be evidence of the worst piece of faked work I have in my long years of experience with colliery machinery ever met with.

There appear to have been some defects in the forging of the shaft and to cover these, pieces of loose metal have been dovetailed into the shaft. These have now worked loose and scored the brasses very badly.

It is evident that the defect must have been within your knowledge and in fact been covered deliberately when finishing the bearing surface.

We have cleaned it up as well as we can to keep working but feel that we must give you notice that we shall call on you to replace entirely the shaft at your own cost, and further that we shall hold you responsible for any loss or delay we may suffer through your default in this matter.

I shall be at our Manchester Office tomorrow Monday and could speak to you on the telephone (Maner Central No 1140) at 11.30a.m or 2.10pm

Yours faithfully

Edw W Warr

General Manager.