

Sound of Jura soon, and that he would number his funnel before leaving the bay, but he could not alter the number on the bow, because if he did so he would lose his situation as master of the vessel. However I asked him to brighten it up as it was, and would write his owner on the matter. After examining the vessel's certificate, and relying on the promises made by the master, I left the vessel, taking ashore with me the following telegram to Mr Beeching, Fish-
~~Merchant~~ ^{Merchant} Fleetwood, Bassein, Campbelltown, all right 90 turbot 60 boxes home ^{on} Monday, Dick. The vessel left the bay about 7 H 5 the next morning, and it was absurd to say that the ship and lives of the crew were in danger.

I was fully aware that steam vessels fishing outside of Scotch waters required no number on funnel or quarter, but I was quite convinced the Bassein had been fishing in Scotch waters, as the trawl net had the appearance of being not long out of the water, a number of whiting were sticking in the net, and a quantity of fish lying on the deck. I have no hesitation in saying the vessel was simply numbered for poaching in Scotch waters, and might as well have been without a fishery number as the one he had on the vessel. I could not distinguish it 20 yards off.

I am of opinion that it is the Fleetwood trawlers who are annoying the fishermen about Gigha, Islay, Jura, and Colonsay.