

L. J. Lyness,  
Plymouth,  
1. 9. 10.

This is to certify that the bearer W. K. Russell  
has sailed with me as 2<sup>nd</sup> & chief Officer in the vessel  
"Melmore", Lynn. & Tex. from 15. 6. 10 until 14. 8. 10  
when he left of his own accord on account of his wife's  
illness, during the time he served under my command  
I have great pleasure in stating that he was, steady,  
lober, obedient, & diligent in his duties, & I can with every  
confidence recommend him to anyone requiring a capable  
& efficient Officer.

Jas. K. Tomie  
Master.