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To the Editor

Regarding the several letters that have appeared in the "Standard" of late in reference to the wreck of a ship supposed to be wrecked between Port Fairy and Warrnambool coast, I noticed a wreck at the top end of rocks about half a mile towards Port Fairy in the year 1855. There were about 10 or 12 standing ribs about 6 feet to 8 feet above water, quite bare of any boards on them. Most likely it as *[sic]* from this wreck that timber was seen up near Gorman's lane on the beach, as I was often up and down from Gorman's lane to Warrnambool about twice a week at that time, and it was the only wreck or any sign of one. My father had the care of the pound, and I used to mind the impounded cattle. About the year 1865, there were only 2 or 3 ribs standing. I left Warrnambool in 1869 and went to Melbourne, Sydney, New Zealand, and to Adelaide, and when I came to Warrnambool, Mr. Archibald stopped me and asked if I had seen a wreck, so that was the first time I heard of the Mahogany ship. I told about this wreck. I am willing to show anybody the place where I saw the wreck. If they let me know, I will come to town and show them the spot. I am only 85 years of age. We landed in Portland, 18th July, 1852.

Yours, etc.,
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