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3th. July, 1897.

Gentlemen,

With reference to your letter of the 6th. instant respecting the case of the steamer "STRATHLEVEN", I have to acquaint you that the shoe plate which was recommended by the Society's Surveyor at Hong Kong to be fitted was not dealt with on the occasion of the vessel being in dry dock at Shanghai in March last but the matter was allowed to remain over until the Special Survey No. 2 is carried out.

If, however, the vessel is dry docked at your port at this time the stern bush and screw shaft should be examined.

I have to add, with regard to the Boiler Survey, that it was understood that this inspection would be carried out on her arrival home and that the port would probably be Glasgow.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Secretary.

The Surveyors,

NEWCASTLE-on-TYNE.

P.S. I shall be glad to learn in due course what action is taken in regard to these matters.



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