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27th June, 1894.

Gentlemen,

With reference to your report No.30258 on the steamer "MINERAL", I have to request you will state clearly whether the furnace arrangements of this vessel have been again altered so as to permit the use of coal fuel and whether the ordinary water ballast pumping arrangements of the double bottom have been left intact, and if so, what means are proposed to disconnect these from the tanks, in the event of the latter being used to carry oil fuel.

I have also to request you will state whether the double bottoms forward and aft the engine rooms each forms one compartment, or whether these lengths are subdivided, and further, you should state the length of each compartment and the estimated capacity of each in tons.

At the same time, I have to enquire whether the vessel is still in your port, and whether any arrangements have been made for information to be given to the Committee before the oil fuel apparatus is to be again installed.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

The Surveyors,

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

Secretary.