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PORT OF GLASGOW

COPY LETTER received from Mr. McNab in regard to the steamer
"SANTA MARIA" dated 26th April, 1922.

Dear Dr. Montgomerie,

I beg to acknowledge your letter of yesterday's date enclosing letter from Mr. Mayne having reference to the 1st Entry Report on the S.S. "SANTA MARIA", Greenock Report No. 17983. In reply thereto, I have to state that additional longitudinals were introduced where the midship spacing was exceeded, but that through an oversight no additional stiffening was given to the transverse members where required due to sheer. I may state that when I took over this vessel she was practically completed as far as the hull is concerned, all steel work being completed and all oil tanks tested, my duties being mainly confined to finishing her up after launching. Before the vessel left, and when making up the 1st Entry Report I noticed this omission, but considered it too late in the day to ask the Builders to fit any compensation, seeing a parallel case in Messrs. W. Hamilton & Co's Oil Tanker "DAVANGER", Greenock Report No. 17955, had been accepted by the Committee after correspondence with this Office. The two surveyors who had the "SANTA MARIA" in hand previous were Mr. J.R. Macleod, who supervised all the steel construction and Mr. R.D. Cairns who carried out all the oil tank testing.

Trusting that you will find this answer satisfactory. Mr. Mayne's letter is returned herewith.
Dr. Montgomerie. (Signed) A.P.W. McNab.