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7th September, 1932.

Dear Mr. Boyle,

I duly received your letter of the 12th ultimo, in further reference to the case of the steamer "DALIA", and carefully note what you say regarding the bottom of this vessel, as reported to you by the Master, and also your remarks concerning the loadline and draft marks.

With regard to the suggestion of the Master that the draft marks were wrongly cut in and that this might be corrected, I shall be glad if you will be so good as to inform the Owners of this matter and ascertain from them when and at what port the ship will next be placed in dry dock, in order that an opportunity may be taken to verify the marks. When this information is received it may be possible to confidentially inform the Society's Surveyor at the port where the vessel will dock, and request him, when verifying the draft marks, to examine the bottom for hogging.

I think it well to add with reference to your letter of the 18th July last, that no report on the ship has yet been received from the Society's Surveyor at Colombo who



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Steamer "DALIA".

was possibly not called upon to examine her when she was
dry-docked there in June.

Thanking you for your attention,

Yours faithfully,

A. H. Boyle, Esq.,

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