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394, Smith Street (P.O. Box 170).

Port Natal, 12th August, 1932.

A. H. BOYLE, M.I.Mech.E.,
SHIP AND ENGINEER SURVEYOR.

Reference

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Dear Mr. Scott,

Reverting to my letter of the 18th ultimo, respecting the S.S. "D A L I A", I think it well to inform you that the vessel has now returned to Durban, and the new Convention Freeboard is being marked on the vessel's sides.

In conversation with the Master I learned that he did not call in the Society's Surveyor when the vessel was dry-docked at Colombo, and as far as is known aboard, the vessel was examined by the ship's officers only.

I asked the Master whether he found everything in order, and he stated that the bottom was in good condition, and that he had specially sighted the bottom to ascertain whether there was any sign of hogging, as ever since the ship was new there had been about 2" difference between the loadline and the corresponding draft marks. Further the Master suggested that the draft marks were wrongly cut in, and asked whether they could be corrected.

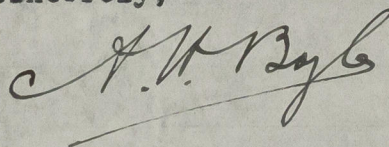This is the first intimation, other than that

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conveyed by your letter, which I have received with regard
to any question of hogging, and it appears strange that this
information was not given to me by the Master when the vessel
was docked here in May, 1931.

I have endeavoured to check this statement
of the draft marks, but it is very difficult to do so here
as there is always a swell in Durban harbour, and I have
suggested that the question be deferred until the vessel is
examined in a dry-dock by one of the Society's surveyors.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

A. H. Boyle

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