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M. BUCHANAN,  
ENGINEER SURVEYOR.

The Secretary,

New York,

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 3rd. inst; regarding the Steamer "MEXOIL" recently completed by the Ala:New Orleans Transportation Co:- Mr Hunter, the Yard Manager has just returned to work, having been laid up with sickness; I discussed the matter of the spacing of the edge riveting of this vessel's shell plating with him, and we measured the spacing on Nos: 24, 25, and 26; The Keel and Sheer strake plating edge rivets are spaced 3.04 and the remainder of the plating edge riveting is spaced 2.75 My Report shows the latter as 3.04 which is an error, and which I regret; The spacing is therefore practically 3 1/2 diameters; I have altered my Report/<sup>copy</sup> and shall be glad if you will please alter my Committee Report; Mr Hunter assures me that the spacing of riveting is the same on the "Mexoil".

I am,

Yours faithfully

*M. Buchanan*

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The Surgeon General requested  
to reply to the whole of the  
question asked in the letter  
of the 30<sup>th</sup> Sept -

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