

Enclosure

3rd March, 1952.

Dear Mr. Nicholas,

We are having some difficulty in classing one or two Basset type trawlers in India because of the lack of evidence regarding the testing of anchors and chain cables.

This class of trawler was built in India in the middle of the war under the Director of Ship Construction there, and you will see from the attached extract from a letter now received from Mr. Rundle, the Senior Surveyor at Bombay, that he cannot obtain any details of test of the chain cable.

We should, I think, be prepared to accept the anchors upon their weight and present condition, and I could arrange for this to be done in India.

As regards the chain cables, however, we know very little, and I was wondering whether it would be possible for you to obtain any further particulars from your friends at the Admiralty Stores Department at Portsmouth, who are stated to have supplied them in bulk to India during the war.

Perhaps next time one of you are attending at Portsmouth you could bear this query in mind, and let me have your comments.

With kindest regards,  
Yours sincerely,

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