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Dear Sir,

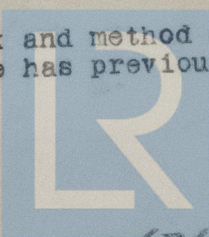
S. Reverting to your letter of the 26th October last, enclosing copy of report, dated 14th August, from the Superintendent to Messrs.A.Holt & Co., at Singapore regarding the steamer "WAR MAID", I beg to acquaint you that I have now received from the Society's Surveyors at Kobe their remarks concerning the matters alluded to.

The Surveyors state: "that the workmanship in No.2 "tank was found during construction to be satisfactory and the "tank proved quite tight under test. After completion the "vessel lay with tanks full for twelve days at Innoshima, came "to Kobe where she stayed for six days, then proceeded to Moji "where she remained for five days. During the whole of this "time Mr.J.Sim, then in the employ of Messrs.A.Holt & Co., was "in attendance and is able to certify that there was no leakage "from the tanks. Exceptionally heavy weather was encountered "on the voyage to Singapore and it seems probable that from "this or other cause some inordinate strain was localized at "the feet of the two pillars in No.3 hold (? in way of No.3 "hatch) to cause the leakage complained of at these points."

In expressing ^{their} ~~his~~ regret that the bedding of the flanges of the hawse pipes proved inefficient, the Surveyors state that they were fitted in accordance with the usual practice of the builders which is to cast each hawse pipe "from a special wooden pattern first fitted in position in the "vessel and to make the joint at the flange finally with red "lead, putty and canvas."

"The deck fittings are of the usual type, but there "is a tendency in the Japanese yards to make them rather "lighter than at home and especially have the employees of "Messrs.A.Holt & Co. been accustomed to fittings of an "unusually substantial type in their own vessels."

"The stuffing box and method of support at the rudder "head, although no trouble has previously been reported, have



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"not been of the strongest design and are being made stronger
"in future boats."

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

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