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71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.

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Dear Sirs,

S. Reverting to your letter of the 4th instant drawing attention to certain points in connexion with the hopper barges "ROCKSAND" and "SANDBANK" recently built to your order at Dordrecht, I beg to acquaint you that I am now in receipt of a reply from the Society's Surveyors at Rotterdam on the subject of your remarks.

From the Surveyors' statements it would appear that the survey of the above vessels during construction has been carried out with due care, and that the Surveyors have done everything possible to ensure that the Society's Rules and your own specification were adhered to.

When the vessels were completed, the Senior Surveyor joined the local Surveyor in the survey again by examining all compartments throughout in order to make sure that nothing had been omitted, and he states that both your own Representative and the Representative for the North Eastern Railway appeared to be quite satisfied with the construction of the vessel.

It is unfortunate that an opportunity was not afforded

the Society's Surveyors at Hull to make an examination of the parts referred to in your letter.

The Rotterdam Surveyors point out, however, that the vessels lay for a considerable time alongside other lighters in an open harbour, and in shallow water before being taken over from the Builders, and in their opinion, the chafed and wavy bilge plating in the case of the "ROCKSAND" may be due to damage sustained whilst the vessel was lying afloat at that time.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Assistant to the Secretary.

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