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21st., December, 1905.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th. instant., enclosing one from Mr Mollison respecting the fitting of only one feed and one bilge pump in the cases of the new vessels "OLIVINE" and "TOURMALINE", Glasgow first entry reports Nos. 23349 & 23350, and am directed to say that the explanation contained therein is not considered to be satisfactory

In connexion with this question I have to remind you that when the Engine Builder expressed his intention of departing from the requirements of the Rules and fitting only one feed and one bilge pump to the main engines, stating that this course was adopted in the Hull District, you were advised that the Hull practice was to comply with the Rules except in a few cases where, by the special request of the Owners, one feed and one bilge pump only were approved, but in these cases as an equivalent to the extra pumps required by the Rules, an extra donkey engine was fitted capable of feeding the boilers and pumping from all parts of the vessel. In addition an ejector was fitted, but this is usually fitted in all steam fishing vessels.

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In the present cases, however, the Engine Builder  
has not submitted any alternative as compensation for the  
omission of one feed and one bilge pump, as was pointed out  
in my letter of the 15th June last would be necessary before  
the Committee could approve of this departure from the Rules.  
Under these circumstances and seeing that only the usual one  
pump engine has been fitted in each vessel, I am directed to  
ask you to arrange for a call to be made on Mr. Lidgerwood,  
the Engine Builder, with a view to ascertaining whether he  
wishes to offer any remarks on the matter, and he should at  
the same time be asked to state, for the information of the  
Committee, what course he now proposes to adopt to make the  
arranging arrangements equivalent to the rule requirements.

It must, however, be made quite clear that whatever  
compensating plan is adopted, the owners' consent thereto  
must be obtained.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. J. Dodd, Esq.,  
GLASGOW.



Secretary

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