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162 Trafford Road.
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MANCHESTER.

Dear Sir,

With reference to yours of the 26th inst and confirming my conversation over the telephone with you, I would inform you that this craft is due to be placed on the dry dock for the purpose of examination of hull, machinery, etc., about March of next year, where, if so desired, an examination could be made of the screw shaft of the vessel.

As explained to you, whilst the vessel is constructed for self propulsion it is only at very intermittent periods that the engines are actually used for this purpose as the dredger, whilst at work, is manoeuvred by mooring chains and winches and when proceeding from one part of the Canal to another is always attended by a tug.

I shall be glad if you will inform me if you will be prepared to carry out this inspection when the craft is next in dock.

For your information I would inform you that since the arrival of this dredger in the Manchester Ship Canal in 1924 the engines have only been used for the propulsion of the vessel on two occasions and then only for a period of approximately a total of 4/5 hours.

Yours faithfully.

W. G. SMITH,

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MECHANICAL ENGINEER.



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