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Dredger "LORD WILLINGDON", Tug "KERALA", Dredger "GOUTHAMI" and Dredger "MADRAS", owned by Government of Madras.

"LORD WILLINGDON" 1st S.S.No.2 due 4,34.
Boiler survey due 4,32.
Screw shaft survey due 5,33.

"KERALA" 1st S.S.No.2 due 11,33.
Boiler survey due 11,31
Screw shaft survey due 8,32.

"GOUTHAMI" 1st S.S.No.2 due 12,35

"MADRAS" 3rd S.S.No.2 due 1,34
Boiler survey due 12,32
Screw shaft survey due 7,32.

These cases are fully stated in previous endorsements.

In February last the Secretary to the Government of Madras stated that it was impracticable to send the Tug "KERALA" and dredger "LORD WILLINGDON" either to Ceylon or Bombay to undergo the surveys required, and on the 17th August last he was informed that the Committee found themselves in some difficulty in agreeing to the classification of these vessels being maintained, owing to the fact that they were both much overdue for surveys.

It was pointed out that the surveys required at Vizagapatam could be undertaken by the Calcutta Surveyors, but so far as the surveys required at Madras, Coconada and Cochin were concerned, two alternatives were suggested, viz :-

(1) That such surveys should be carried out, on the Society's behalf, by Mr. Hugh Lockley, an independent Engineer at Madras, and

(2) That the vessels engaged at these ports should be placed under the Government's own survey department until such time as the volume of work at these ports would warrant the expense of the ports being visited regularly by a Surveyor to Lloyd's Register.

It was pointed out that the latter alternative would involve the withdrawal of the vessels' classification from the Society's Register Book.

A letter has now been received from the Secretary to the Government of Madras stating that it has been decided to

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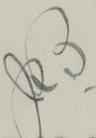
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discontinue the existing arrangements under which the dredger "LORD WILLINGDON", tug "KERALA" and the dredger "GOUTHAMI" are periodically surveyed by the Society's Surveyors, but with regard to the dredger "MADRAS", the Madras Port Trust have agreed to Mr. Hugh Lockley carrying out the surveys on the Society's behalf.

In view of this it is submitted the classes of the "LORD WILLINGDON", "KERALA" and "GOUTHAMI" be withdrawn from the Society's Register Book.

With regard to the "MADRAS", the Calcutta Surveyors might be requested to give the necessary instructions to Mr. Hugh Lockley, of Madras, to undertake the surveys and supply him with all the necessary report forms and information for dealing with the case.


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