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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

17th August, 1933.

Dear Sir,

Reverting to my letter of the 2nd March last and to previous correspondence on the subject of the classification surveys of vessels owned by the Madras Government, I think it well to let you know that an opportunity has been taken of discussing the matter with Mr. Oxley, one of the Society's Surveyors stationed at Calcutta, who has been home on leave.

As you are aware, so far as the tug "KERALA" and dredger "LORD WILLINGDON" were concerned, you did not consider it practicable, in accordance with the suggestion which was made, to you, to send these vessels either to Ceylon or to Bombay to undergo the surveys required, and not having received any further communication from you on the subject, and the Society's Surveyor at Calcutta having also written, under date of the 5th July last, that no further communication had been received from you relating to the overdue Boiler Surveys of the above vessels, the whole situation has again been carefully reviewed.

In this connection, having regard to the statement in your letter of the 6th February last that it was impracticable to send the two above-mentioned vessels to either Ceylon or Bombay, I am directed to say that, in the absence of any further communication from you, the Committee

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find themselves in some difficulty in agreeing to the classification of these vessels being maintained, owing to the fact that they are both now very much overdue for surveys prescribed by the Society's Rules.

The Committee, however, fully realise the difficulties attendant upon the carrying out of such surveys, and the Society's Surveyors at Calcutta, with whom I have been in correspondence on the subject, point out that the exigencies of their duties at that port preclude a lengthy journey such as is occasioned by a visit to Madras Coconada and Cochin; Moreover, the expenses incurred thereby are necessarily very heavy and seem hardly warranted by the nature of the surveys which have to be carried out.

As regards the surveys required at Vizagapatam, the Surveyors express the view that these could be undertaken by them, but so far as the surveys required at Madras Coconada and Cochin are concerned, they suggest two alternatives, 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.

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You will of course appreciate that this latter alternative would involve the withdrawal of the vessels' classification from the Society's Register Book.

I would point out that, as regards the first proposal referred to above, visits to Cochin by Mr. Lockley from Madras would also involve considerable expense, but before taking any action, the Committee would appreciate an expression of the opinion of the Madras Government on the whole question.

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In the event of it being decided to maintain the classification in the Society's Register Book of the tug "KERALA" and dredger "LORD WILLINGDON", the Surveyors at Calcutta will be pleased to make the necessary arrangements for the inspections to be carried out by Mr. Lockley from Madras.

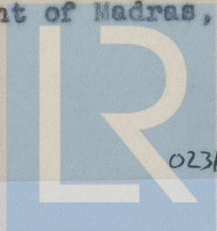
I shall therefore be glad if you will kindly communicate with the Calcutta Surveyors as soon as a definite decision has been arrived at.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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P.S. The surveys which wre overdue on the vessels above referred to are as under :-

Dredger "LORD WILLINGDON" - Boiler Survey due 4,32
Screwshaft Survey due 5,33

Tug "KERALA" - Boiler Survey due November, 1931
Screwshaft Survey due August, 1932
Special Survey No.2 will become due
in November next.



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