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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

3 Enclosures.

21st December, 1932.

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that the Society's Surveyors at Calcutta have forwarded reports of surveys which have been carried out on the Twin Screw Tug "GRAMFUS" and Dredger "SOUTHAMT" at Visagapatam and Coconada respectively, on the occasion of their being in drydock in October and November last.

The Surveyors point out that due to a misunderstanding between the Government Officials and the Chief Engineer at Cochin Harbour the Tug "KERALA" and Dredger "LORD WILLINGDON" were still on service and not ready for the survey, as has been arranged, and it is understood that these vessels cannot now be conveniently brought up for survey before March next. The Boiler Survey of the Tug "KERALA" was due in November 1931 and the Screw Shaft Survey in August 1932, and in the case of the Dredger "LORD WILLINGDON" the Boiler Survey was due in April 1932.

The Surveyors point out that in order to carry out minor surveys, such as those of the examination of

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"GRANFUS" etc.

screw shafts and boilers, at Cochin, owing to the distance which has to be covered a period of ten days is involved. The expenses incurred therefore are considerable, and the fees chargeable are out of all proportion to such expenses.

From enquiries which have previously been made by the Surveyors, there appears to be no suitable person resident in Cochin who could undertake surveys on behalf of the Society, and the Surveyors consequently make every endeavour to hold all surveys on these small craft during one tour, with a view to avoiding repetition of expenses and complicating the work in their own port at Calcutta. The Surveyors also point out that it would be equally unsatisfactory for an independent Surveyor to be sent from Madras to Cochin, owing to the expense involved.

In these circumstances, it is suggested for your consideration that a solution of these difficulties would be if you could arrange that the Cochin vessels be sent annually to the nearest or most convenient port, say Colombo or Bombay (where the Society has Surveyors stationed), and I shall be glad to hear from you as soon as possible as to whether you are agreeable to adopt this suggestion.

I may add that in the case of the Tug "GRANFUS", which has been examined in drydock at Vizagapatam, the

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Surveyors report that the tail shafts were drawn for examination and found in order, and a notation of "s (tail shaft seen) 10.32" is being recorded against this vessel 's name in the Register Book.

In the case of the Dredger "GOUTHANI", the Special Survey No.1, which became due in December 1931, has been carried out, together with the Boiler Survey, and the Committee have assigned notations of "S.S.No.1-32" and "BS (Boiler Surveyed) 11.32".

The certificates for these surveys are enclosed herewith.

It is also understood from the Surveyors that the Dredger "MADRAS" was surveyed at the same time, but up to the present the report on this case has not come to hand.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

The Chief Engineer,  
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,  
Madras, India.

Secretary



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