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THE SECRETARY,

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Dear Sir,

Tug "KERALA" & Dredger "LORD WILLINGDON"

Further to my memorandum of 24th October 1932

Mr. Oxley has now returned to Calcutta having visited Vizagapatam, Coconada and Madras where he surveyed the vessels "GRAMPUS", "GOUTHAMI" and "MADRAS", but have to advise due to a misunderstanding between the Madras Government officials and the Chief Engineer of Cochin Harbour the above vessels "KERALA" and "LORD WILLINGDON" were still on service and not ready for survey as had been arranged. The present position with the latter named vessels is that they cannot now be conveniently brought up for survey before March 1933.

I think it well to mention that in order to carry out these minor surveys at Cochin that a distance of approximately 4000 miles has to be covered involving the absence of a Surveyor from this office for a period of ten days, making the fees chargeable out of all proportion to the expenses incurred, and

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I would suggest in view of these circumstances a letter be sent to the Madras Government suggesting that as a solution to these difficulties the Cochin vessels might be sent annually to the nearest or most convenient port, Colombo or Bombay, where there is a resident Surveyor, especially as during the year 1933 this port (Calcutta) will be run single-handed.

As there is no suitable person resident in Cochin who could carry out surveys on behalf of the Society it will be readily understood that we make every endeavour to hold all the surveys on these small craft during the one tour to avoid repetition of travelling expenses and complicating the work in this port. It is also felt that it would be equally unsatisfactory to send an independent surveyor from Madras to Cochin for this work as his travelling expenses and charges would be more than we could recover for his services.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Surveyor to Lloyd's Register,
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