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GINEER SURVEYORS.

Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

29, Dalhousie Square,

Calcutta, September 2nd 1929.

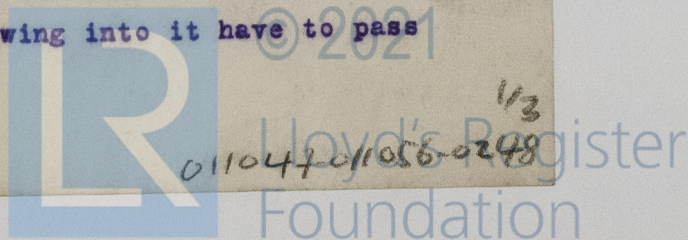


THE SECRETARY,

L O N D O N.

Dear Sir,

Further to exchange of Cables and correspondence relating to the Harbour Craft belonging to the Madras Government, I beg to advise that I have now returned from Cochin, where the Tug "KERALA" was put through Special Survey No.1 It was our original intention to visit the vessels working in this port at the Special Surveys only, and that the annual Surveys be carried out by a local independent Surveyor in the Madras district, but after examination of this vessel in drydock it is felt that our visits should be more frequent, say every two years, owing to the excessive wastage found on the "KERALA'S" bottom, probably due to the nature of the water in the harbour, where all rivers and streams flowing into it have to pass



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through heavy under-growth and vegetation. In the case of the "KERALA" the bow plating on both sides, both garboard strakes complete, and both screwshafts, have to be renewed, although the vessel is hardly four years of age. The port authorities have experimented to a large extent with various paints and mixtures, but do not appear to have met with success. In discussing these matters with the Engineer-In-Chief of the Madras Government, he is agreeable to this method of Survey, and is satisfied to fall in with all our recommendations and suggestions.

I have appointed Mr. Hugh Lockley of Barnaby Road Madras, to act on our behalf whenever it is considered necessary. Mr. Lockley has had a wide experience both at Home and India in Ship and Engine repairs.

In the port of Cochin, there is no one available with sufficient Ship and Engine experience to represent us there, which means Mr. Lockley will attend to work in that port whenever the occasion for his services may arise. Although this will mean a 20 hour railway journey, it will considerably curtail travelling costs and save this port being minus a Surveyor for a minimum of at least 10 days.

It was also ascertained that the Screw Shaft Survey of the dredger "LORD WILLINGDON" which became

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[due some months ago, will be carried out at the Special
Survey to be held early next year.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

D. Fisher

Surveyor to Lloyd's Register,
Calcutta.

sent to Mr. Hill to note.

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Referred to the Chief Engineer.

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and the Chief Engineer Surveyor.

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Also for Mr. Hill to note.

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Surveyor to Lloyd's Register.

Very sincerely,
[Signature]

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Very truly yours,
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