

CASES OF VESSELS OWNED BY THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

<u>No. in R.B.</u> <u>Date of Build.</u> <u>Gross Tons.</u>	<u>Vessel's name.</u> <u>Port of Registry.</u>	<u>Class.</u>	<u>Surveys due etc.</u>
25412. 1925-11mo. 78.	"KERALA". Glasgow.	⊗ A1 For Towing Services 11,25. Fitted for Oil Fuel etc., ⊗ LMC 11,25. C.L.	Screw Shaft Survey due 11,28.
26986. 1926-4mo. 864.	"LORD WILLINGDON". Glasgow.	⊗ A1 Dredger 4,26. Fitted for Oil Fuel etc., ⊗ LMC 4,26. C.L.	Screw Shaft Survey due 4,29.
01503. 1927-12mo. 147.	"GOUTHAMI". Glasgow.	⊗ A- Dredger for Harbour service 12,27. ⊗ NB 12,27.	Nil.

With regard to the "KERALA", the Calcutta Surveyors state that the Owners have not yet come to any decision relative to the Screw Shaft Survey.

In the case of the "LORD WILLINGDON", the Calcutta Surveyors forward a letter received from the Owners intimating that the screw shafts were withdrawn about two months' ago. The Owners ask whether in view of this recent withdrawal of the shafts it will be possible to postpone the survey until the vessel is again drydocked in six months' time. The Owners point out that as the vessel is a suction dredger working with a pipeline her propelling engines are very seldom in use and that the distance she will travel in the next six months will not in all probability exceed ten miles. In connexion with this case the Calcutta Surveyors write:-

"In view of the travelling time necessary to carry out these smaller surveys in the Madras district (i.e., five to six days according to which part of the coast the vessel is working) it is submitted that a competent Consulting Engineer in Madras be appointed to act on our behalf, and that we should only attend at the Special Surveys. The travelling expenses for the minor surveys (approximately £30/-) are out of proportion to the P.T.O.

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"fee which could be charged.

In the event of this proposal meeting with the Committee's approval, the matter could be discussed with the Chief Engineer of the Madras Government and should he acquiesce, arrangements could be made with a Consulting Engineer to carry out this work on a fixed fee basis when we visit Madras to carry out the first of these surveys."

*Submitted for the favourable
consideration of the Committee.*

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