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Dear Sir, Motorship "Ben Henshaw" (Hul.Rpt. 62056)

We thank you for your letter of the 21st instant regarding the survey carried out on the above vessel at this Port in March last, and note that the Owners state that a Modified Survey of the machinery was carried out at that time, but not reported by us.

The matter has now been fully investigated but we cannot trace any survey of machinery items other than those stated in Mr. Fraser's report, and confirmed by his journal entries.

No request for a survey of any parts of the main and auxiliary engines was made to us by the Owners' Agents, Superintendent or ship's Officers, or by the Repairers on their behalf, and it is concluded that Mr. Fraser was of the opinion that the survey was completed at the time he wrote and handed in his report. We have no information regarding any enquiries made by Mr. Fraser relating to the Owners' letter of 5th March.

We would point out that at the time of this survey Mr. Fraser was extremely busy dealing with his personal affairs prior to his imminent departure with his wife and family to Piraeus, and it will be noted that his report was handed in only a few days before he left. In view of his intense stress at that time it is not thought that any useful information would now be obtained by addressing further enquiries to him at Piraeus.

We have a letter from the Owners dated the 29th March last and signed by their Superintendent acknowledging receipt of the Interim Certificates covering the foregoing survey which has no comment on the fact that the detailed items listed on the Certificate B.1 did not include the Modified Survey items they now claim to have been surveyed at that time.

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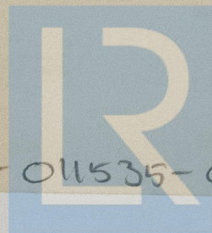
We regret that the above matters are in dispute with the Owners but would point out that much of the misunderstanding must have originated from their own failure to contact this office when the various machinery items were available for inspection.

Yours faithfully,
The Surveyors,

A M B Edwards.

Per:

The Secretary,
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