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SINGAPORE,

15th September, 1947.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 29th August, 1947 regarding the withdrawal from Classification of the steamer "HUNG SING".

Actually this question was raised when the vessel originally came under survey at this port in March, 1947 (Singapore Report No. 7352 on the "EAST COASTER"). The indications at that time were that the new Owners of the vessel were not interested in Classification and the whole question was discussed with Mr. Knowles, the Owners' Representative, who agreed to go into the matter again with the Owners. I referred to this briefly at the foot of the second page of my report and I would add that the Cheng Chiang Shipping Co. Ltd. were definitely interested in the vessel at that time.

Mr. Knowles informed me before he wrote his letter of the 8th July that he had again discussed the matter very fully with the Owners and that they had told him very definitely that they did not intend to maintain the Classification of the vessel. In fact, I feel that they would much have preferred to get a Load Line Certificate issued locally but Mr. Knowles influenced them to continue under the present arrangement.

Undoubtedly the local Chinese Owners look upon Classification as an unnecessary interference with their freedom of action and they consider that there is no advantage to be gained from it. I feel safe in saying that, with the exception of the "HUNG HAI", none of the small craft owned by Singapore Chinese carry any Classification whatever.

Your letter did not arrive until after the survey for Renewal of the Load Line had been completed except for minor details and, having raised the matter again with Mr. Knowles, I reluctantly came to the conclusion that it would be very unwise to approach the Owners as suggested in your letter.

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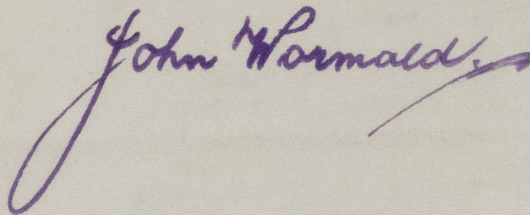
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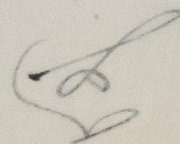
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I am very sorry to see a vessel withdrawn from Classification under such circumstances, but knowing the suspicion with which the local Chinese look upon outside influence in their business affairs, I feel sure that it would be wiser to accept their decision, particularly as the vessel is now almost ready to resume service.

Yours faithfully,



The Secretary,  
LONDON.



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