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Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 15th instant forwarding a copy of one dated 11th ultimo received from Messrs. A. & T. Sutton regarding the Trawler "JOHN EVANS", I am directed to inform you that the Society's Surveyors at Newcastle-on-Tyne have been communicated with, and in reply they state as follows:-

"Item No. 2 - All deck pumps were tested in my presence on March 30th last, and were then found to be working satisfactorily.

"Item No. 5 - The trawl winch was also tested under steam on that date, it being also used to work the windlass, and it was found to start, stop and work satisfactorily.

"Item No. 6 - It is assumed that this refers to the scupper pipe draining the space abaft the transom. This pipe when fitted was clear and efficient and no leakage or defect was disclosed on the sea trial. It probably has subsequently become choked and the joint started perhaps in attempting to clear it.

"Item No. 7 - In so far as this refers to the hold bilges I have to state that these were cleaned out before trial and on trial were flooded to a depth of about 3 feet and pumped clear by steam pumps when no choking of suction occurred."

As previously stated in my letter of the 15th instant regarding this case the machinery of this vessel, to which the remaining items refer, was built and fitted under

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the supervision of the British Corporation, and a certificate in respect of the machinery was issued by that Society on the 27th April last to that effect.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Assistant to the Secretary.

The Director of Navy Contracts.

ADMIRALTY.

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