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8th September, 1899.

Enclosure.

Sir,

I am duly in receipt of your letter of the 4th ultimo respecting the classification of the steamers belonging to the Union Steamship Co. of New Zealand, and with regard thereto I enclose herewith for your information a copy of a letter I have addressed to the Owners relative to the surveys now long overdue in the cases of the steamers "ROTOKINO", "MARAROA" and "ROTOHAKANA", and with reference thereto I have to request that, in the event of the arrival of either of these vessels at your port, you will take the necessary steps to carry out the surveys in question and to report all the facts to me promptly for the information of the Committee.

I may add that I am writing to the Society's Surveyor at Sydney to the same effect so that if either of these vessels should arrive at his port he may endeavour to carry out the requisite inspections.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. Thomson Esq.,

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