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8th February, 1895.

Dear Sirs,

I beg to acquaint you that the Committee have had before them this day reports from the Society's Surveyors at Greenock on the steamer "NEPTUNE" ex "JAMES WATT", which has recently become your property.

It appears that new boilers have been fitted in the vessel, and the whole of the requirements of the Special Survey required on the machinery completed, but as regards the examination of the hull, only a portion of the requirements of the Rules have been carried out, it being stated that you are desirous to send the steamer for one or two voyages, after which you propose sending her to Bilbao for the completion of the Special Survey No.3.

In view, however, of the fact that the survey in question became due on the vessel so long ago as February 1893, so that the year of grace allowed by the Rules for its completion expired 12 months ago, the Committee regret that in order to entitle the vessel to retain her class in the Register Book, the whole of the survey should be completed without further delay, and they therefore trust that you will make arrangements for this to be done.

I shall be glad to learn at your early convenience, for

the Committee's information, what steps you propose to take in the
matter.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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