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19th September, 1899.

Gentlemen,

I am in receipt of Mr.Hake's letter of the 13th instant regarding the case of the steamer "EMMA".

In reply, I have to point out that in your Return 5c dated the 13th instant you reported that the vessel had arrived in your ^{but} district that there was no reason to expect that the Boiler Survey would be completed. Upon this statement, the Owners (who reside at your own port) were asked to say what course they intended to pursue in the matter. It now appears from Mr.Hakes report No.10998 that on the date of the return above alluded to, the vessel was already under his inspection, and according to the Owners statement the repairs were taken in hand immediately upon the steamer's arrival.

The circumstances are to be regretted as they have caused unnecessary correspondence with the Owners, and it is considered that further explanation than that afforded in Mr.Hake's letter is required.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

The Surveyors,

WEST HARTLEPOOL.



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