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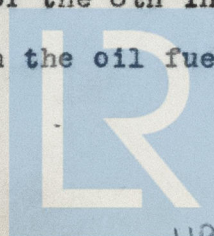
13th November, 1899.

Dear Sirs,

I beg to acquaint you that the Committee have recently had before them the reports from the Society's Surveyors at West Hartlepool of the survey held on the repairs effected to your steamer "CLAM", and with regard thereto, I am directed to say that the vessel's class has been reinstated by the Committee, viz:- 100A1 "Carrying Petroleum in bulk", Subject to the equipment being completed by the supply of a bower anchor, which is stated to be waiting for the vessel at Port Said; to two hand pumps forward being tested at the earliest convenient opportunity; and to the safety valves of the donkey boiler being set to the working pressure of 100lb. per square inch.

It is understood that the new anchor will be submitted for inspection and the other matters attended to upon the steamer's arrival either at Calcutta or Singapore, and I have to say that this arrangement is considered satisfactory by the Committee.

I note from your letter of the 8th instant that you propose fitting the steamer with the oil fuel apparatus at Suez,



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and as the Society has no Surveyor stationed there, I shall be obliged if you will let me know as soon as the liquid fuel is actually being used, with a view to the notation "Burning Astatki oil fuel - Experimental" being recorded in the Register Book as required by the Committee.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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