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9th June 1879.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 29th ultimo demurring to the course adopted by the Committee in regard to the classification in this Society's Register Book of your iron screw steamer 'Ella', I am directed to acquaint you that the Committee regret that after a full consideration of all the facts of the case ~~the Committee regret that~~ they do not feel it in their power, consistently with their usual practice in such cases, to depart from their previous decision in the matter, and that the vessel's character will accordingly appear in the Register Book with a red ring poked over the figure 1 until such time as the boiler shall have been repaired to the satisfaction of the Society's Engineer Surveyors.

It is right I should add, with reference to your observations on the conversation that took place between you and Mr Sturrock, the Society's Engineer Surveyor for the Louth district, that, upon



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being communicated with in regard thereto, that officer disclaims the construction you place upon his remarks, and states that he most explicitly stated to you that, it would be absolutely necessary to make extensive repairs to the boiler before he could feel justified in recommending the vessel to remain as cleared. As Mr Stanock was not afforded an opportunity of making an examination of the working parts of the engines he could not express any decided opinion as to their condition, although they were, so far as outside appearance went, in satisfactory order.

The Report which accompanied your letter is returned herewith as desired.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

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