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14th. February, 1896.

Sir,

I have to inform you that the Steel Screw Steamer "ALAGONIA" - which it is understood trades from your port - has been partially surveyed in this country with a view to classification, and that to complete the survey, the following parts still remain to be attended to, viz :- Double bottom (internally), peaks, coal bunkers, and pumps to be examined : all water ballast tanks (including after peak) to be tested, and a few rivets to be removed from various parts to ascertain their quality, and the character of countersinking and workmanship.

I have therefore to request you will be good enough to arrange with the Owners' representative (Capt. Davis) who, it is understood, has been instructed by the Owners to give you all information and facilities for completing the survey - to give the foregoing items your attention, and report on the same in due course. I have also to request you will ascertain whether a 28 fms. hemp or manilla "spring" has been supplied in addition to the 72 fms. of 4" steel wire towline, as the Rules require 100 fms. of towline.

Freeboards, as noted on the enclosed memo., have been assigned to the vessel by the Bureau Veritas, and are, it is understood, marked upon her sides, and I have to request you will see if the same are

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correctly marked, and report the result as soon as possible.

When the freeboard marking is verified, you should state the distance of the centre of the disc from the top of the statutory deck line at part awning deck, in order to conform to the usual practice of recording same in the Register Book, and a sketch illustrating what is required is sent herewith for your guidance, together with a few copies of freeboard verification forms for steamers.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. Watson, Esq.,

Secretary.

MELBOURNE.

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