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The Secretary, Sir,

In reply to your
letter of 6th January 1899, regarding
the steamer "Halictis" informing me
that the Superintendent for the Owners
had stated that this vessel had been
fitted for burning liquid fuel
at this Port, there must evidently
be some mistake as the vessel
in question, as also the sister vessel
"Irigonia" were both fitted for this
purpose before leaving home
according to my information by
the local Agents Messrs. Syme & Co.
who issued a reprint to all parties
interested here, from the Shipping
Gazette & Lloyd's List Sept. 14th 1898
(Copy herewith enclosed).

I attended a steamy trial of the S.S. "Haliotis" on Sunday Nov. 20th 1898 in the invitation of Messrs Syme & Co the Singapore Agents of the Company but not being present in my official capacity, I did not make any special notes, the arrangement for burning the liquid fuel however appeared to be satisfactory.

Both these vessels have been recently in this Port, but have now sailed & may not be back for some months, I shall be pleased to know if in view of the above explanation, I am still to take the first opportunity of examining the liquid fuel burning arrangements of these two vessels & report on the same.

I enclose cutting from the local paper as to the trial of the S.S. "Haliotis" held here.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant
Alex. Ridd

Referred to the Chief Engineer Surveyor.

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for Mr. J. H. H. note.

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