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The Chief Ship Surveyor called on the Hon. A. Morton Weir and Sir John Niven about this case.

The Owners have received from their Calcutta Representatives a further communication and cable, from which it appears that the work of examination is still going on, and that the amount of repairs considered necessary is progressively increasing.

It was explained to these gentlemen that the ordinary procedure would be for a Principal Surveyor to see this vessel and to report on its state, and on the recommendations made by the Surveyor, but that was difficult when the ship was so far away. I said that the Chairman would probably consider a suggestion to send someone to Calcutta in the circumstances, rather than that the Owners should feel that the Society had not taken every possible step to ascertain the true facts of the case. After a good deal of discussion, Mr. Morton Weir and Sir John Niven expressed a wish that this should be done, and in the meantime they have cabled to their Calcutta Representatives to stop the work until such a Representative if sent arrives in Calcutta.

Mr. Butler is returning from Switzerland today.

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