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Enclosure.

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10th November, 1938.

Dear Mr. Cox,

I duly received your letter of the 29th September last regarding the case of the steamer "AYMERIC", enclosing correspondence which you have exchanged with Mr. Morrison respecting the employment of Mr. Black at Hong Kong, and very careful note has been taken of your remarks in this connection.

In spite of the confidence which both you and Mr. Morrison still have in Mr. Black and his suitability to act on behalf of this Society, it is not possible to lose sight of certain facts which can hardly be explained away.

You have a copy of the letter written to Mr. Morrison on this subject, and in his reply he states that Mr. Black was called in to witness the testing of tanks and the examination of workmanship, duties which required him to carry on in some sort the continuation of Mr. Macdonald's work. This being so it is difficult to understand why the need for extensive repairs to bilge brackets, shell plating,

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upper and bridge deck plating, deck plating in bunkers, mainframes in bridge space, and other items was not observed by him and reported to Mr. Morrison.

Taking all these facts into consideration it cannot be disputed that Mr. Black's participation in this survey as a representative of this Society was not efficient. The Committee are therefore unable to reconsider their decision that Mr. Black should not again be employed for carrying out surveys for Lloyd's Register.

With regard to the second paragraph of your letter concerning the lack of information which you possess as to the repairs considered necessary by the Society's Calcutta Surveyor, I would draw your attention to the details contained in my letter of the 9th August last, wherein it was stated that Mr. Butler, a Principal Surveyor on the Chief Ship Surveyor's Staff, proceeded to Calcutta, and it is upon Mr. Butler's recommendations of what was necessary that the case has been considered.

I am sure you will agree that the findings of Mr. Butler, bearing in mind the wide experience he has in such cases, are sufficient warrant of the

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serious nature of the defects.

With reference to your remarks concerning Mr. Morrison's loyalty and hard work on behalf of the Society I may say that this recommendation only confirms what we know of Mr. Morrison himself, and there is no suggestion that he does not at all times endeavour to carry out his duties in a most conscientious manner, but it is impossible to neglect the unfortunate facts of the present case, and I am enclosing for your information a copy of a letter which I am addressing to him in reply to one received from him on the 10th September last.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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