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No. 32, AKASHI MACHI,

KOBE, September 29th 1938.-

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Dear Mr. Scott,

I duly received your private and confidential letter of the 9th August regarding the case of the "AYMERIC", surveyed at HongKong in March 1937, and again at Calcutta this year.

In the absence of information as to what repairs were considered necessary by our Calcutta Surveyor I am unable to form my own opinion of that aspect of the case, but I have been long enough in the Society to realize that no hard and fast line can be drawn as to the precise extent of repairs necessary to wasted parts of an old ship, at any particular time. This is particularly so in the case of surveys for a voluntary Classification such as Lloyd's Register as distinct from Government or other compulsory surveys, where the Surveyor may only have one interest to consider, and in which the principle of "give and take" need not enter.

There are, however, two points in your letters upon which I would like to offer my remarks. The first is the condemnation of Mr. Black and criticism of the arrangements I made to utilize his assistance if and when necessary, and the second is the inference that Mr. Morrison has been negligent in his duties.

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I now enclose copies of correspondence which I exchanged with Mr. Morrison in August 1934 regarding the proposal to utilize the services of Mr. Black. From this you will see that the arrangement to utilize his services "in cases of emergency" was not made off hand, also that it was a precautionary step taken to safeguard the Society and the interests of our clients against being let down in an emergency. You will also see from the copy of his Curriculum Vitae, which was submitted to me at the time, that his professional qualifications were perfectly satisfactory for the intended purpose.

HongKong is not a large port where one can pick and choose professional assistance, and I think I am correct in saying that, apart from the Government Surveyors, there are no Surveyors in the Port who are not connected with some Classification Society. Moreover, it has been the recognized practice at Singapore to utilize the services of Mr. Ritchie, Non-Exclusive Surveyor for the B.C., B.V., G.L. and R.I., even when our Surveyor is absent from the Port, and, so far as I know, with no untoward result.

I, personally, have full confidence in Mr. Black's ability and I shall be very much surprised if he was in any way guilty of neglect. He is quite the most suitable man available in HongKong for emergency assistance, and for this reason I hope the decision to debar him will be reconsidered.



With regard to Mr. Morrison, no doubt he himself will be fully able to satisfy you that there was no undue laxity on his part, but I have no hesitation in saying that there is not a more hard-working and conscientious Surveyor in the Society than T.S. Morrison. He has literally worked himself to skin and bone, in the Society's service, under the HongKong climate, and I myself wonder how he does it. He is the last man I would suspect of wilful neglect at any time, and I think it only right to place this on record before you.

Yours faithfully,

*Gaspar*

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