

LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING,

5, Alexandra Buildings,

HONGKONG, 14th August 1934.-

H. Jasper Cox, Esqr.,

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Dear Mr. Cox,

I have been thinking for sometime that, in the interests of the Society and Shipowners generally, we ought to have reliable local assistance here in case of illness or other unforeseen circumstances the same as Singapore.

My trouble was that no really reliable assistance was available (all too old), but sometime ago a Mr. Black joined the firm of Carmichael & Clarke, whom I think would be a very suitable man. He was for some years Assistant Engineer Superintendent with the China Navigation Co. (B. & S.) and left them to join Carmichael & Clarke. A resume of his education and experience is attached.

If you agree to him being employed when occasion demands, I suggest that I carry on alone this winter and employ him when necessary so that he could become acquainted with our methods, etc., and at the same time I could find out if he was really suitable.



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It would not be necessary to employ him constantly during the winter as there are some weeks when one Surveyor can carry on alone and this arrangement, if suitable, would be much less expensive for the Society and would relieve you of arranging for a Surveyor to come here during the winter months each year.

I wrote Mr. Wormald, Singapore, regarding the fees paid to Ritchie & Bisset when they were called in to help, and he advised that by arrangements with London they got 50% of the fees for the work they did; previously they got 60%, but London reduced it to 50% recently. Mr. Black is agreeable to the 50% basis.

With the above arrangement it would then only be necessary for you to send a Surveyor to relieve me for my home leave, say about a month prior to my departure.

I shall be glad to have your views on this matter in due course.

With best regards,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) T.S. Morrison.



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