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MacIcolm K. Scott, Esq.  
LONDON.



Dear Mr. Scott,

I am in receipt of your letter dated 9th. August regarding the case of the steamer "AYMERIC" and am naturally perturbed over the matter.

You do not mention the nature of the extensive repairs required by the vessel at the survey recently held in Calcutta, therefore cannot make any comments regarding same.

Mr. Macdonald commenced the survey of this vessel on February 18th. at Taikoo Dockyard and she was placed on the Slipway on March 5th. and unslipped on March 15th. Mr. Macdonald's last visit was on March 8th. when he was accompanied by Mr. Black who afterwards took over the survey until the vessel was completed on March 17th.

My understanding of the case, at the time of Mr. Macdonald's departure, regarding what remained to be done to complete the survey was :- To examine repairs proceeding and when completed (principally new shell plates) and test

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tanks in way of same. One boiler and some items of machinery to examine and safety valves to be adjusted.

An extract of Mr. Black's Diary from the time he took over the survey until it's completion is attached.

It is apparent therefore that Mr. Macdonald surveyed this vessel and made the necessary recommendations and although he had left Hong Kong before the repairs were completed, I was informed they were all in hand before his departure and that all his recommendations were faithfully carried out.

The reason Mr. Black was employed to complete this survey was because my time was fully engaged on other important work and because the work involved was fairly straight forward, consisting mainly of examination of workmanship and testing of tanks and could quite safely be done by him.

At my request Mr. Black signed the report for Mr. Macdonald and himself as they had carried out the survey. I might have signed the report but I could only have signed for them.

In my opinion Mr. Black carried out the work

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intrusted to him in a satisfactory manner, and has done so on previous occasions, and I do not agree with and am sorry to learn of the attitude which has been taken against him personally in this case.

Copies of his credentials and a resume of his experience were forwarded to Mr. Cox, Kobe, in August 1934, and Mr. Cox also had a personal interview with him when he was on a visit to Hong Kong with Dr. Montgomerie in March 1936, and agreed that he was suitable to employ in emergencies.

There is no other Surveyor available at this Port who does not represent some Classification Society and in my opinion Mr. Black is the most suitable one of them.

This case unfortunately occurred between Mr. Macdonald's departure and Mr. Rowcliffe's delayed arrival here. Mr. Macdonald left on March 13th. but stopped outside work on the 8th. March, Mr. Rowcliffe was due (in accordance with London letter) about end of February but did not arrive until the end of March owing to the illness of his child, therefore I had to carry on alone during the interval and found it necessary to employ Mr. Black to help in the work.

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In the sixth paragraph of your letter it is stated that I had only a comparatively small amount of work on hand at that time, whoever made this examination could not have been aware of the true facts and I disagree with the statement entirely and feel that I have been unfairly criticised on this point.

I had several important surveys on hand at the time, for instance :-

"Willy" (Oil Tanker) S.S.2nd.No.2 Hull & Machinery.

This was an old vessel for an oil tanker which has always carried "Spirit" and was badly corroded in way of cargo tanks. Important survey and took considerable time as can be realized.

"Pronto" S.S.2nd.No.1. Hull & Machinery with considerable repairs necessary.

This was also an important survey.

Other surveys carried out by myself at the same time were:-

✓ "Empress of Asia" Completion of S.S.2nd.No.3 and B.S.

✓ "Sheng Lee" Damage repairs and B.S.

✓ "Rakuyo Maru" Completion of B.S.

✓ "Cape St. Francis" Docking, completion of S.S.3rd.No.1 and B.S. and with considerable repairs.

✓ "Taiping" Part S.S.No.3.

22<sup>nd</sup> Feb  
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✓ "Havfru"

Docking, D.B.S. &amp; Continuous survey of machinery.

✓ "Suisang"

Damage Repairs.

"Ixion"

Tested forepeak tank for the carriage of oil in bulk.

Forgings

Examination &amp; testing of new shafts for "Bisayas", "Muinam" &amp; "Hai Ning".

New Work on HandH'Kong & W'poa  
Dock Co's Yard  
No.767.

:- Vessel fitting out, engines, piping and electric wiring being installed with necessary tests etc.

H'Kg. & W'poa  
Dock Co'sYard Nos.770 & 771. Both hulls under construction on the stocks. Forgings and steel castings testing & machining in the shop.H'Kg. & W'poa Dock  
Co's Engines No.  
494 - 495.

Both engines under construction in the shop. Forgings &amp; castings testing and machining.

It should be realized that a certain amount of time is required in transit from one job to another and that besides the above there is the office work to attend to, such as reports, accounts, returns, replies to correspondence and odds and ends which crop up.

In conclusion, I might state, since I joined the

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Society in 1917, over 19 years of which has been in  
Hong Kong, I have always done my best in the interests  
of the Society.

*J. S. Morrison*

Yours faithfully,

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also for Mr. Sladden to note.

also for Mr. Barwick to note.

Submitted for  
Cox's reply. he  
awaits. J. J.

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Hong Kong. I have always done my best in the interests of society in fact, over 10 years of which has been in

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