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9th August, 1938.

Dear Mr. Morrison,

A survey has recently been carried out at Calcutta on the steamer "AYMERIC" during which it was discovered that the vessel required extensive repairs. She completed her 2nd Special Survey No.1 at your port in March, 1937, and the report of this survey was signed by Mr. Black for himself and for Mr. Macdonald.

The case was considered sufficiently serious for Mr. Butler, a Principal Surveyor on the Chief Ship Surveyor's Staff in this Office, to proceed to Calcutta by air to join in the survey, and in his report Mr. Butler mentions that in his opinion the condition of the vessel is not consistent with the proper carrying out of the survey held at Hong Kong in March, 1937.

It appears that the survey was commenced by Mr. Macdonald, who left Hong Kong before the recommendations which he made had been carried out, and the survey was completed under the supervision of Mr. Black, who, it appears, is the representative of the British Corporation in Hong Kong.

In the first place it is considered that an

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important survey such as this should have been carried out as far as possible by one of the Society's Exclusive Surveyors, and it is not understood why you yourself did not attend this vessel, and more particularly why Mr. Black was left to sign the report.

Apart altogether from this, it is not considered desirable, except in very special circumstances, that a Surveyor to another Classification Society should be employed to act for Lloyd's Register, and should any help be required in future it will be necessary for you to obtain such help from someone other than Mr. Black, who, from the facts of this case, cannot be relied upon to carry out his survey work in a manner acceptable to this Society.

An examination has been made in this Office of the work which was being undertaken by you in Hong Kong at the time that this vessel was under survey from which it appears there would have been sufficient time for you to have completed the survey of this vessel yourself, and it is not clear why the services of Mr. Black were required in view of the comparatively small amount of work in hand at that time.

I shall be glad if you will furnish me with any observations you may have to make in regard to this case.

T.S. Morrison, Esq.,
HONG KONG.

Yours faithfully,

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