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9th August, 1938.

Enclosure.

Dear Mr. Cox,

An unfortunate condition of affairs has arisen as a result of a survey held at Calcutta on the steamer "AYMERIC" when a Surveyor at that port found that considerable repairs were necessary although the 2nd Special Survey No.1 was completed at Hong Kong as recently as March, 1937.

The matter was considered to be of sufficient importance for Mr. Butler, a Principal Surveyor on the Chief Ship Surveyor's Staff in this Office, to proceed by air to Calcutta to join Mr. Peskett in the survey, and upon his return Mr. Butler reports that after making due allowance for increased wastage that may have taken place, the condition of the vessel in his opinion 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 under the supervision of Mr. Macdonald, but before the recommendations made by him were completed he left Hong Kong, and the

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recommendations of the survey were carried out under the supervision of Mr. Black.

Upon investigating the details concerning the employment of Mr. Black, it was discovered that he is the representative of the British Corporation in Hong Kong, and the permission you gave Mr. Morrison to employ him seems to have been subject to no qualification other than "when occasions demands".

It is considered the employment of Surveyors to other Classification Societies, except in very special circumstances, is undesirable, and the result of the case in question has convinced us that Mr. Black cannot be employed any further to help with the work at Hong Kong, and I have therefore to request that you will make arrangements accordingly.

I am enclosing for your information a copy of a letter which is being addressed to Mr. Morrison regarding this case, from which you will observe that it is not clearly understood why Mr. Morrison allowed Mr. Black to complete the survey on this vessel, and further why he allowed a report of a Special Survey to be signed by an outside Surveyor employed only when occasion demanded, who signed both for himself and for Mr. Macdonald.

Yours faithfully,

H. Jasper Cox, Esq.,

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