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The Clerk to the Classification Committee,
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BERKS.

Dear Mr. Sladden,

Thank you for your letter of 4th July.

I am afraid my remarks were taken rather more seriously than I intended, and I had no idea that the Chief Shipping Surveyor was going to investigate welding failures. I have, however, read the report with much interest.

What was in my mind was really that with diluted labour the welding done in most shipyards is not very satisfactory just now, and we had quite an amount of minor welding failure on the two "Mac" ships. These, however, had nothing to do with the hull and were mostly ventilators and the like not being properly welded to the deck.

Yours truly,

J. D. W. Thomson

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