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71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

14th June, 1933.

Dear Sirs,

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With reference to my letter of the 8th inst. respecting the case of your steam trawler "BASS" I have to inform you that I am now in receipt of a letter from Mr. J. Mackirdy, the Society's Principal Surveyor, regarding the circumstances of this case.

Mr. Mackirdy points out that in February 1933 the vessel was examined afloat in the St. Andrew's Dock, and parts needing repair or renewal were discussed with the Superintendent, and it was explained that repairs could not be made until the vessel was properly prepared for survey by scaling the hull and was properly coated with scale.

On March 31st and April 27th 1933 the Surveyors stated what definite arrangements were made regarding the outstanding repairs. On the 1st May you replied stating that the repairs would be completed on the vessel's return to port.

It was as a result of the Committee's decision to defer action until the vessel had returned to port and

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the various items outstanding were again discussed by the Society's Surveyors with your Representative. No information, however, could be obtained as to when and where the survey would be completed, neither was any scaling done to enable the previous inspection to be completed.

Mr. Mackirdy also states that although it would appear that when the vessel was drydocked two frames on the port side of bunkers and two frames on the starboard side of engine room were cropped and part renewed, this work was put in hand by your Superintendent without any reference to the Surveyors and without discussion as to whether the repair was of adequate extent, and they were not advised that any repairs were being put in hand at all.

As no attempt appears to have been made to have the vessel scaled so that a proper examination might be made of the steelwork for the arrangement of repairs which are urgently needed, and the whole position has been carefully explained both to your Superintendent and yourselves by Mr. Mackirdy, the Committee can only adhere to their previous decision.

I would add, however, that the Committee will be prepared to consider the condition of the vessel on completion of the Second Special Survey No. 3, and all necessary repairs being carried out to the entire satisfaction of the Society's Local Surveyors.

Messrs. The Victoria Steam Trawling Co. Ltd.,
St. Andrew's Dock.

I am, Dear Sirs,
Yours faithfully,

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