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10th., May, 1906.

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Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 26th., ultimo enclosing a certificate, No. 14, for a main boiler made by The Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Co., for their No. 44 vessel, which I have signed and now return herewith.

As regards the question of altering the date on the certificates Nos. 10 & 11, for the other main boilers of the vessel which were tested in July 1903, and also enclosed with your letter, I am directed to inform you that in this case you should personally examine these two boilers, and if you find that the condition of the plates, stays and tubes is in no way deteriorated, there will be no necessity for again testing these boilers by hydraulic pressure, and no note of their having been made in 1903 will be made in the Register Book.

At the same time I am to add that if upon examination the boilers are found to be in no way deteriorated, and notwithstanding this the Owners desire them to be retested, there will, in this instance, be no objection to your witnessing a re-test, and a new date of test may be stamped upon the boilers, but this should only be done at the request of the Owners.

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In the event of this being done new test certificates can be issued, but in the meantime the old certificates are returned herewith.

It is observed that you have used an out of date certificate form, and a supply of new forms is being forwarded to you which you will be good enough to use in future.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Secretary.

J.G.Hunter Esq.,

BALTIMORE.

P.S. Should new certificates be required, the old ones must be returned for cancelling.



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