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Dear Sirs,

A. With reference to your letter of the 20th instant, respecting the fees and expenses for the survey during construction of the Auxiliary Ferro-Concrete Motor Vessel "MOLLIETTE" recently completed at Faversham, I beg to inform you with regard to the question you have raised respecting this matter that the construction of Ferro-Concrete Vessels necessitates more frequent attendance of the Surveyors than in the case of Steel Vessels, as, unless the Surveyors are present when the concrete is being placed, it is not practicable for them to know that the work has been satisfactorily executed, or that the steel reinforcement is in its proper position.

This would apply to all vessels of this method of construction whether they be sister ships to others built before or not.

I may say that the question of the fees charged for the survey of Ferro-Concrete Vessels has been very carefully considered, and it is thought you will agree that they are consistent with the services rendered by the Surveyors, not only at the building yard during the course of construction, but in connexion with the examination of the plans which is also of a much more extensive character than in the case of steel vessels

In these circumstances and after carefully reviewing the whole matter, I have to state that the Committee are unable to make any reduction in the fees charged for the survey of the vessel in question.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Messrs. James Pollock, Sons & Co., Ltd.,
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Secretary.,

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