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High Close, Wokingham, Berks.

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Dear Sirs,

S With reference to the case of the steamer "MELISKERK", I beg to acquaint you that the Committee have had before them a report on the vessel received from the Society's Surveyors at Liverpool, from which it appears she has been placed in drydock, bottom and rudder cleaned, examined and recoated, some temporary repairs have been effected on account of damage through striking a quay wall and some repairs effected to bulwarks. It is recommended permanent repairs be effected to shell plating port side in way of No.2 hold in first and second strakes below sheer at the first opportunity. The Surveyors report the lower deck plating abaft No.3 hatch found somewhat wasted and it is recommended this plating be further examined and dealt with at the first convenient opportunity. It is also recommended that beams and casing plating in bunkers, which were found somewhat wasted, be further examined and dealt with as necessary at the first opportunity.

The Surveyors also report that an attempt was made to range the chaincables, but this could not be satisfactorily done and it is recommended the chain cables be ranged at the first opportunity. With regard to the machinery, some repairs have been carried out to the forward and starboard boilers and the evaporator examined.

The vessel's class has been continued with fresh date of survey 11.42 but I have to add that arrangements should be made to have the reported defects dealt with at the earliest opportunity, or alternatively to have the vessel generally examined by May next, at which date the Second Special Survey No.2 would normally have become due.

The following notes are being added to the memorandum in this office regarding the case:-

"Vessel last seen in drydock by the Society's Surveyors at Liverpool 11.42. Vessel's class now also subject to indented shell plating and framing in first and second strakes below sheer in way of

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No.2 hold, port side, being dealt with at the first convenient opportunity, to the second deck plating abaft No.3 hatch and beams and casing plating in bunkers being further examined and dealt with as necessary at the first convenient opportunity; also to the chaincables being ranged at the first opportunity."

I am, Dear Sirs,
Yours faithfully,

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Classification Committee.

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