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VESSEL'S NAME

1st s.s. Shirley

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No.

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For the CHIEF SHIP SURVEYOR and CHIEF ENGINEER SURVEYOR.

(In cases which have to be submitted to the Classing Committee the endorsement to contain a succinct summary of any repairs that have been required and to show the cause or causes of such repairs, and also to bring out clearly any exceptional features in connection with the case so that the Classing Committee may have all the salient points presented in the endorsement.—Extract from Sub-Committee's Report, 24/5/92.)

No. 3. SURVEY PARTLY HELD.

When due

2.12

When proposed to be completed

Portion of Survey held, &c.

Repairs

Limit on m.b. furnaces expired 10.12

The 1st s.s. No. 3/<sup>which</sup> became due in February last was partly held at Calcutta in June, July and September last, and on the latter date it was recommended that some repairs should be effected to the decks, to two bulkheads and that No. 3 tank top plating should be scaled and coated in places at an early date about November ~~next~~. & the Main boiler furnaces jacked up before end 10/12.

As, however, the vessel was on time charter the Owners desired to be allowed to let the matters stand over until the vessel's return home about March next.

The Owners were informed on the 8th October that the Committee regretted that they could not agree to the completion of the survey and repairs being deferred as desired and it was considered that arrangements should be made for the necessary work to be carried out within the year of grace.

The case was again before the Committee on the 11th October when the Owners were informed that with a view to meeting their wishes as far as practicable the Committee would be agreeable to the time for the completion of the survey and repairs being extended until the end of March, but it was considered that

the work should be definitely completed by that time in order to entitle the Steamer to retain her class.

The class of the vessel is subject to the second gudgeon on the stern frame being examined; also to the vessel being examined in drydock on account of grounding and to some damage through fire being completely repaired, and to the port donkey boiler not being used again and <sup>it was subject to the</sup> the M.B. furnaces being examined and dealt with before the end of October last.

The Owners stated on the 14th October that as previously advised the vessel's charter ends between the 10th February and the 10th March next and they would be glad to know, if they guaranteed to bring the Steamer home immediately thereafter, whether the Committee would be disposed to extend the time for the completion of the survey until she arrived home. They added that it had been difficult for them to complete the survey in India owing to the materials not being readily obtainable, and that they would much appreciate this further extension.

On the 22nd October the Owners were informed in reply that the Committee felt they had no alternative but to adhere to their decision that the survey and repairs must be completed by the end of March next, and it was trusted that they would be able to make arrangements accordingly.

The Owners stated in reply that they were issuing instructions to the Master with a view to the survey and repairs being carried out at the time named.

The Owners now state in reply to a letter addressed to them on the 6th instant with regard to the matters <sup>in question</sup> that they are endeavouring to cancel the time charter of the vessel and

in that case they would bring her home direct from Bombay and have her ready for survey in January next.

In the event of their <sup>not</sup> ~~want~~ being able to cancel the charter they suggest that they should have the survey completed about the 9th February next and in that case it would be completed in Bombay. They would feel obliged if the Committee would state whether they would allow them to bring the vessel home direct from Bombay, or in the event of their keeping her on her present charter to complete it at Bombay in February next.

The year of grace will expire at the end of February next.

The case is again submitted for the consideration of the Committee.

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