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71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

RETAIN

2nd August, 1933.

Dear Sir,

S. With reference to your letter of the 14th June last relative to the steamer "CLAN MACNAB", I have to acquaint you that this vessel has now arrived in London and a report has been received from the Surveyors, in which they state the temporary repairs have been examined and appear to be efficient. The main engine crank shaft and intermediate shafting were generally examined without opening out, and the Surveyor states that as the alignment of the shafting did not appear altogether satisfactory, they recommend that the shafting be tested for re-alignment, together with the renewal of the conical coupling piece, on the vessel's arrival at Glasgow.

I have further to inform you that the Owners have forwarded to this Office extracts from letters which have been received by them from the Master and Chief Engineer of the vessel, dealing with the question of the repairs suggested and carried out at Batavia, and stating that they are not satisfied with the attitude taken up by you.

The extracts of the correspondence bear dates within the period of the survey held at Batavia and are summarised as follows :-

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At Batavia the aft coupling which couples turbine and tunnel shaft was examined and on cleaning the shaft it was found to be cracked the entire length between flanges. The Chief Engineer suggested that bands be shrunk on both flanges and a heavy clamp be made and fitted to shaft between flanges, and although this method of repair was confirmed by the Owners, it was turned down by the Surveyor as being unfit.

The Surveyor suggested that the defective part of shaft should be cut out and rebuilt by electric welding, but on being advised that Lloyd's Register (London Office) were in agreement with the Owners' method of repair, these repairs, as detailed above, were proceeded with. The Surveyor also recommended a reduction of speed, but was informed by his Head Office that this matter should be left to the discretion of the Master.

The Master observes that delay was caused owing to the Surveyor not accepting, in the first place, the method of repair proposed by the Owners.

The case has received careful consideration, and I am directed to inform you that it is considered you would have been better advised in this case had you taken the initiative in the matter of consulting this Office, and I have to say that in future cases of a similar nature, where

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there is a difference of expert opinion, you should be guided by this experience and always take advantage of advice which can be obtained from this Office, and which the Committee will always be glad to give promptly by cable in reply to any enquiries which you may find it necessary to make.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

L. Buiskool, Esq.,

BATAVIA.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

per Secretary.

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