

Yesterday a cable was sent to Mr. Cox instructing him to give his personal attention to the case of the "NORA MAERSK" at Hong Kong.

It is submitted for consideration whether it would not be wise to instruct Mr. Cox by cable that, when he visits Shanghai, en route he should investigate the circumstances of the M.V. "SCHARNHORST", in which Mr. Lockhart issued a certificate in respect of tightness and cleanliness of the dæp tank to receive a cargo of oil, and on the vessel's arrival at Manila Mr. Nelson required the tank to be caustic washed and re-tested.

Also, a report has been received from Shanghai intimating that certain fractures have taken place at the corners of the well in the Dredger "CHIEN SHE", recently built for the Whangpoo Conservancy Board, for which body a similar vessel is about to be ordered, and Mr. Cox might be requested to investigate this damage personally and to report fully thereon.

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