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William Thorburn PYLE will say :-

I am a Senior Ship Surveyor to Lloyd's Register of Shipping. I surveyed the S.S. "VARDULIA" at Glasgow between the 11th and 19th December, 1934.

The reservations made in my Report 55264 on the first page under General Observations with regard to a special examination of certain items at the vessel's next docking were on Lloyd's Special Reasons List. This List deals with matters which need special examination at subsequent Surveys and the entry to which I have referred does not mean that I thought that there was anything wrong with the repairs in question but that for safety's sake it was necessary that they should be considered anew later.

Apart from this explanation, there is nothing else to say about my Report except that it contains the views which I formed as the result of my careful survey of the ship.

I also carried out the Annual Survey in accordance with the Merchant Shipping (Safety and Loadline Conventions) Act, 1932, and I produce my Report No.25043 dated the 11th April, 1935. I recommended that the Loadline Certificate should remain in force and reported that the Survey had been completed to my satisfaction.

These statements are accurate.

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