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Enclosure.

3rd September, 1908.

Sir,

I duly received your letter of the 28th ultimo, forwarding a letter from Messrs.A.Rodger & Co. and one from Mr.Mollison respecting the signing of the first entry report on the machinery of the S.S."NGAHERE", and have since received your letter of the 1st instant, together with the reports on the hull and machinery of the vessel.

In reply I am directed to state that as it appears that the engines were constructed by Messrs.Rodger and the boilers by Messrs.Lindsay, Burnet & Co., and the names of these firms are so entered in the heading of the machinery report, the Committee cannot understand why there should be any exception taken to signing the report in accordance with the facts as set forth in the heading thereof.

I am afraid from the remarks contained in Mr.Mollison's letter that there is some misunderstanding on the subject. The signing of the Society's reports involves no question of contract between the Builders and the Owners, nor does it in any way affect the responsibility of the Builders to the Owners.

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It is desirable that the reports should be signed by the actual Builders or Makers, and with a view to obviate any difficulty in the case of the "NGAHERE" it is suggested that the report on the engines and boilers of this vessel might be signed by Messrs.A.Rodger & Co., the Makers of the engines, and by Messrs.Lindsay, Burnet & Co., the Makers of the boilers.

I am quite sure if the matter is properly explained to Messrs.A.Rodger & Co. they will kindly arrange to have the report signed accordingly.

I return the report on the machinery of the "NGAHERE" herewith.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Secretary.

The Secretary,

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