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Enclosure.

10th September, 1901.

Gentlemen,

I duly received Mr. Phillips's letter of the 6th instant with the enclosures advised therein respecting the case of the Steamer "WHITGIFT", your report No. 42,278, and with reference thereto I am directed to state that the Committee, who have had the matter under consideration at their meeting today, consider it very unsatisfactory that the local Surveyors should have taken upon themselves to agree to any departure from the Society's Rules as regards the omission of ceiling without requiring the written consent of the Owners. The Surveyors' action is more difficult to understand in view of the correspondence which has previously taken place on this subject and especially of my letter of the 6th April, 1899, wherein I wrote as follows:-

"I have to request that you will again inform them (Messrs. The Northumberland Shipbuilding Co.) that the Owner's consent to dispense with ceiling on the inner bottom of this vessel (their S.S. No. 82) has not been received by this Society, and this departure from the Rules cannot therefore be sanctioned.

"You should also draw their attention to the Rule on this point contained in the footnote to page 33, and you should inform them that your duties require you to see that the vessel referred to is built in accordance with the Rules, but not to see that the Owner's specification is complied with."

In sending herewith a copy of a letter which I have this day addressed to the Northumberland Shipbuilding Company in reply

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ou will be careful to comply strictly with the Committee's
equirements in all future cases.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Secretary.

The Surveyors,

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