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Dear Sir,

S. I beg to acquaint you that the Society's Surveyors at Cardiff have forwarded to this Office your letter dated April, and with reference No. as above, relative to the survey recently held at that port on damage to the steamer "HARMATTAN".

In reply I have to acquaint you that the Surveyors state that this vessel has been engaged carrying horses on a platform in Nos.2 & 3 lower holds, the platform consisting of a wood flooring laid on about 10 feet of mixed coal, about 80% of which was small coal. They are of opinion that the damage to the tank top plating was brought about by some highly corrosive action, probably due to the urine from the horses combining with sulphur or other agent in the coal.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

The Director of Transports
and Shipping,
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