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18th December, 1929.

Messrs Aitken Spence & Co.,
Lloyd's Agents, Colombo.

Dear Sirs,

In reference to my report concerning the Ferry Steamer "Irwin" of the 4th November, 1929 and your letter of the 17th inst. I understood that the report in question was to be treated as without prejudice (see your letter of the 2nd November, 1929), especially so, as it was in my opinion that by more assistance in the Engine Room greater care could have been exercised.

I was informed by the Chief Engineer that there were only three watch keeping Engineers, and that owing to high temperature below, it was impossible for a man unused to such conditions to take his watch and then undertake any repairs that may have been necessary after his watch. It is evident from the neglected state of the machinery on her arrival here that other than looking after the boilers and attending to the lubricating system and pumps nothing had been done. I therefore considered that two extra hands as greasers on six hour watches should have been carried for such a long voyage.

Yours faithfully,



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