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24th March, 1958.

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Dear Sir,

Ferry Boats "PADAMYA", "PONDAUNG"
"PADASHIN", "PONMYA" & "PADAPYAN"

Further to my letter of the 13th March and with reference to the letter addressed to Mr. Siggers on the 12th instant by Mr. Thomas, I have to acquaint you that Mr. E.R. Cameron of the Builders called at this Office on the 13th instant as arranged, and the question of increasing the athwartship rigidity of the feathering eccentrics of the above ships was discussed.

It was agreed that the Builders' proposals as shown on their plan 143/58 were acceptable and an improvement on those contained in Mr. Kirkham's letter of the 15th February. Mr. Cameron stated that copies of this plan had already been sent to their Rangoon Agents, Messrs. Oppenheimer & Co. Ltd. and it was agreed that we would advise Mr. Kirkham by cable to this effect and that modifications should be carried out accordingly. Copies of the cablegram and letter sent to Rangoon are already in your possession.

With regard to Mr. Kirkham's proposal that brass bushes should be fitted between the eccentric sheaves and the paddle shafts, on which the Builders reserve judgment, it was pointed out to Mr. Cameron that the specification called for feathering gear operated by an eccentric "riding" on the paddle shaft, and this was taken here to mean that there should be a bearing between eccentric and shaft and, therefore, Mr. Kirkham was only proposing to fit something ^{which} should have been there originally.

Mr. Cameron admitted he was unaware of this wording of the specification but stated it had always been intended that the eccentric should be clear of the shaft, and he thought there must have been some mistake in paraphrasing the Owners' requirements when compiling the specification. It was agreed here that

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bushes were not necessary and need not be fitted.

Referring to the Builders' statement that they are being charged for "Lloyd's Surveyor's fees", it was pointed out to Mr. Cameron that Mr. Todd, who carried out the survey at Mandalay, was appointed by Mr. Kirkham at the request of the Builders and with the approval of their Agents to act on their behalf, and it was concluded that the fees referred to were in respect of Mr. Todd's services. Mr. Cameron agreed that in this case the account would be paid by the Builders.

The confusion appears to have arisen because Mr. Kirkham did not forward the original of Mr. Todd's report direct to the Builders' Agents as was thought here, but sent them a report on the Society's form Rpt.10 signed by himself and Mr. Todd. A copy of this Rpt.10 has not yet reached this Office. This may partly explain the delay mentioned by the Builders.

Yours faithfully,

Assistant Clerk to
the Classification Committee

The Secretary,
GLASGOW.



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