

FERRY BOATS "PADAMYA", "PONDAUNG", "PADASHIN", "PONMYA"
and "PADAPYAN."

IT IS SUBMITTED the Glasgow Surveyors be informed, with reference to Mr. Thomas' letter of 12th instant and enclosures that Mr. E.R. Cameron of the Builders called at this Office yesterday 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 No. 143/58 were acceptable and an improvement on those contained in Mr. Kirkham's letter of 15th February. Mr. Cameron stated that copies of this plan had already been sent to their Rangoon Agents, Messrs. S. 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, also forwarding him a copy of the plan. A copy of the cable has already been sent to the Surveyors with an additional copy for Messrs. Yarrow.

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 reserved 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 that 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. We agreed that the bushes were not necessary and need not be fitted.

Referring to the Builders' statement that they were 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, Messrs. Oppenheimer, 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 his firm.

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 10 signed by himself and Mr. Todd, of which we have not received a copy. This may partly explain the delay mentioned by the Builders.

IT IS FURTHER SUBMITTED the Rangoon Surveyor be informed that the Builders are complaining that they are being charged with "an account for Lloyd's Surveyor's fees in Burma". It is concluded that this is, in fact, an account in respect of the services of Mr. Todd who was appointed to act at the request and on behalf of the Builders, but this should be confirmed. It is, of course, not in order to charge to the Builders any fees in respect of surveys for classification.

On completion of the modifications to the feathering eccentrics of these ships, the repairs should be reported on Report Form 9 and any accounts for these surveys referred to the Owners. We should be glad to receive a copy of the Surveyor's report of 16th February issued to Messrs. Oppenheimer, which does not appear to have reached us.

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