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Dear Sir,

We have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 22nd. instant, enclosing copies of correspondence between London and Durban, and Durban and Lourenço Marques, in connection with the Modified Survey of Oil Engines and the drydocking in respect of the above vessel.

Although the Durban Surveyors advise the matter to be taken up by the Government Authorities here, we would point out that Lourenço Marques is an autonomous port, and does not come within the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Marine except as regards policy; the authorities at this Ministry are therefore not concerned with the survey of ferry boats in the Colonies.

The only authority in Lisbon, who might be interested is the Overseas Ministry, and we have accordingly written to the Minister requesting his department to deal with the necessary surveys. However, we should point out that even if our request receive attention, which we doubt, all correspondence will be sent by sea mail and it will take many months before a satisfactory reply can be expected.

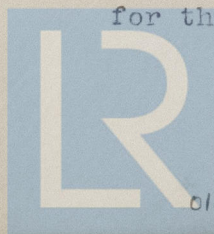
We have therefore also written in Portuguese to the Director of the Direcção dos Serviços dos Portos, Caminhos de Ferro e Transportes at Lourenço Marques explaining the surveys necessary to maintain the Niassa's class, and informed him that should he wish to retain the Society's Classification, the surveys in question must be put in hand without further delay.

The Secretary
London

Yours faithfully,

John Lubbock

for the surveyors.



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