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The Secretary,
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S.S. "GARDENGA"

Dear Sir,

I enclose confirmation of the telegrams we have exchanged regarding this little vessel's case.

The "GARDENGA" arrived here last month under the command of Lt. Commdr. R.G. Wardrop, R.N.R., and on the 13th ultimo I was asked to go on board to see a broken H.P. piston valve liner which apparently had been defective for some days. A new liner was made and fitted and sundry minor running repairs effected. In the meantime I understand the Master ran out of funds, the vessel was then laid up awaiting the Owners' instructions and a new crew to take her on to Durban.

I am only waiting for a turn out of the engines in order to issue a certificate.

The last Chief Engineer had opened out all parts of the main engines, making sundry adjustments for wear before my services were requested, and in his opinion the valve liner was the only defect of importance.

He and his Second appeared to be reliable men and I am of the opinion that if funds had not run out the vessel would have been proceeding satisfactorily on her intended voyage.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully

W. Matthews.

W. J. MATTHEWS.

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