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90119. "HERMIONE". With reference to Mr. Forster's letter of the 27th ultimo, respecting the general examination which has been made of two of the main boilers of this vessel, and to his statement that the examination of the after main boiler was not sufficiently complete to enable an opinion to be formed as to its suitability for harbour use, I have to inform you that it is considered the result of the examination he has



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made of the two forward main boilers is sufficient to establish the suitability of the after main boiler for occasional use during the lay-up period. The Committee therefore do not propose to ask the Owners at this time to go to the expense of emptying (and wasting) a boiler full of fresh water, and cleaning out furnaces and fire-boxes for examination, as would be done were the vessel in service and undergoing the requirements of a full boiler survey.

The survey now held therefore will be accepted as quite sufficient for the object in view.

90120. "LOMPOC". The remarks referred to above also apply to this case, which is referred to in your letter of the 25th ultimo.



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