

After going very carefully into all the evidence given to the Court we are of opinion that the Chief Engineer was responsible for the drinking water being delivered clean to the Emigrants, and to do this it was necessary for him to pump through the General Service pipes until the water ran clean, and that it would be necessary to test and taste this water from time to time until the results were satisfactory. In doing this it appears to the Court that the Chief Engineer chose the most convenient and private place for this work, *i.e.*, Cock C. And that as there had been no trouble heretofore during the voyage with the Emigrants over the water, and that as water is being constantly pumped during the day through the General Service pipes for various reasons on a ship, it seems difficult to understand why this particular water being pumped or tasted should interest the Emigrants or alarm them in any way. Taking all these points into consideration and the absence of evidence that any proper order was given to the Chief Engineer which we think should have been given in "writing" or before a witness if this testing was considered to be dangerous, we are of opinion that the Chief Engineer on these occasions carried out his duty in a proper way and to the best of his ability.

In summing up this case generally, although the most serious charges have not been proved, we are strongly of opinion that the Chief Engineer Mr. Stokes consistently adopted an attitude of disrespect towards the Master of the ship Mr. De La Sala, and we consider that such acts of misconduct which have been proved although they do not amount in our opinion to gross misconduct were detrimental to all good discipline and order on board and merits severe censure, and taking into consideration Mr. Stokes' long and we believe good service with the Company, and also the fact that he has already been discharged from this Company after 13 years' service, we consider this to be sufficient punishment.

Given under our hands at Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, this 23rd day of May, 1917.

(Signed) C. W. BECKWITH, Commander, R.N.,
Stipendiary Magistrate and President of the Court.
,, FRANCIS E. NUTHALL, Eng. Lt.-Commander, R.N.,
H.M.S. *Tamar*.
,, P. H. ROLFE, Commander, R.N.R.,
Marine Superintendent, Indo-China S.N. Co.
,, D. MacMURRAY,
Superintendent Engineer, Indo-China S.N. Co.
,, J. BELL SMITH,
Master, British S.S. *Honam*.

No. 244.—The following addition to the Register of Medical Practitioners entitled to practise Medicine in this Colony, published in Government Notification No. 184 of the 27th April, 1917, pursuant to Ordinances No. 1 of 1884 and No. 31 of 1914, is published for general information:—

PERSON QUALIFIED TO PRACTISE MEDICINE.

NAME.	ADDRESS.	QUALIFICATIONS.	DATE OF QUALIFICATION (United Kingdom).
Stuart Séguin Strahan.	Alexandra Buildings.	Member of the Royal College of Surgeons (England), Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians (London); Bachelor of Medicine of the University of Oxford.	11th March, 1909. 1912.

A. G. M. FLETCHER,
Colonial Secretary.

25th May, 1917.