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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING

UNITED WITH THE BRITISH CORPORATION REGISTER

RJS

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3

Classn(S)

16th February, 1954.

Dear Sir,

I am asked to refer to Mr. Roberts' letter of the 26th ultimo forwarding a copy of a short term load line certificate issued by the Society's Surveyor at Balboa in the case of the steamer "DONA LOURDES" ex "JOLLY".

Firstly, the Committee have asked me to point out that the year of grace for this old ship expired at the end of January, and they cannot understand why any question of extending either the load line certificate or class was not referred to this Office in the first instance.

It appears from Mr. Haman's certificate on Rpt.10 that he contacted the New York Office, presumably for instructions, and I am asked to stress that in all cases of this kind it is the Committee's wish that classification and load line should go hand in hand.

Had the matter been referred here, as should have been done, the Committee would certainly have wanted a concrete proposal and a time limit for the completion of the Special Survey. As it is, the issue of the load line certificate restricts any decision they might have made for class maintenance.

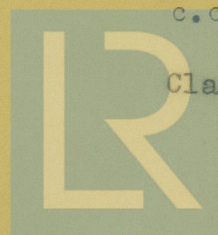
The wording of the certificate, too, is entirely incorrect as it should of course have had a definite date of expiry. The phrase "for contemplated homeward voyage" should never be used, and perhaps you will make further enquiries and let me know, for the information of the Committee, within what time it is expected the vessel will arrive at Manila. They will then doubtless insist upon immediate compliance with outstanding items for retention of class.

Yours faithfully,

c.c. Pbd

Clerk to the
Classification Committee

The Secretary,
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