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By Air mail

23rd January, 1931.

Dear Mr. Southwell,

With reference to the official letter sent you to-day regarding the Screw Hopper Barge "RUKAMAVATI", I may say that in discussing the matter with Commander Cable, whom we have had the pleasure of seeing to-day in the Office here, he is under the impression that the Owner's Representatives do not fully appreciate the position.

He is inclined to think that if the whole situation could be explained, as he puts it, "in simple language" to the State Mechanical Engineer by making it clear that if the vessel's class is allowed to lapse her market value in the event of sale will be greatly depreciated in consequence, he will appreciate that there is an advantage to be gained by submitting the vessel to the Special Survey No.1, for which she is now due.

At the same time, the details of the requirements of the survey might be explained, and as this is the first Special Survey, and on the supposition that the boat has been kept in good order since she was put into service, there should be very little expense in complying with the

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requirements of the survey.

I shall therefore be glad if you will take the earliest opportunity of giving effect to the above suggestion, and we shall await a further communication from you before submitting the case to the Committee.

As you are aware, the year of grace allowed for the completion of the survey will expire at the end of next month.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

H.P. Southwell, Esq.,

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