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71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3..

8th August, 1928.

Dear Sirs,

With reference to your letter of the 31st ultimo, addressed to the Society's Surveyors at Newcastle-on-Tyne, respecting your steamer "EASTERNER", I am directed to acquaint you that the case of this vessel occupied the attention of the Committee at their Meeting to-day and has been very carefully considered.

As you are already aware, the Special Survey No.1, which became due in July 1924, has not been held and the Special Survey No.2 has now become due.

In dealing with cases of vessels which have been lying up for a very long time, the Committee have allowed the classes to remain subject to a satisfactory general examination by the Society's Surveyors, but only until the time when a further Special Periodical Survey has become due.

They therefore much regret that they are unable to agree to your suggestion that such repairs might be carried out as recommended by the Society's Surveyors and the Special Survey further deferred. In all the circumstances they do not see how they can allow the class to remain and have accordingly given instructions for it to be expunged from the Register Book with a red line, indicating non-compliance with the Society's Rules.

I have to add that in view of the withdrawal of this vessel's class the record of the freeboard assigned by

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s.s. "EASTERNER" - 2.

the Committee, together with the corresponding draught, will also be withdrawn, and the freeboard certificate is thereby cancelled and should be returned to this Office.

I may also say that upon the receipt of a satisfactory report from the Society's Surveyors on the completion of the necessary surveys and repairs, the case will receive the favourable consideration of the Committee with a view to the re-instatement of the class.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

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