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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,
71, Fenchurch Street,
LONDON, E. C. 3.

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Dear Sir,

I have to acquaint you that the Corvettes "HUMBERSTONE" and "COPPERCLIFF", which have recently been purchased by the Chinese Government and renamed "TA-WEI" and "TA-LUN" respectively, have been surveyed at Vancouver with a view to Classification with this Society as Merchant vessels. For your information the "HUMBERSTONE" was built under the inspection of the British Corporation but the "COPPERCLIFF" was surveyed during construction by this Society and was then classed "A- For Government Service". The requisite Special Surveys of the hull and machinery have been carried out in each case but the Committee have deferred action in assigning classes to these vessels pending information as regards the geographical limits for the vessels' proposed trades which consideration will, of course, determine whether they are eligible for the figure '1' for equipment. From information at present available the Committee will consider classing the vessels "A- With freeboard corresponding to a summer moulded draught of 12 feet For Chinese Coasting and River Service" within limits to be defined.

I shall accordingly be glad if you will give this matter attention on the vessels' arrival in your district and advise me in due course regarding the proposed trading limits.

I think it well to add that during the survey at Vancouver of the "TA-LUN" it was found that on account of unstated damage the stem bar and stem plating were buckled. These defects were not considered to affect the efficiency of the vessel for the contemplated voyage to China but a recommendation has been made that permanent repairs be effected at the Owners' convenience.

Yours faithfully,

J.A. Stewart,
SHANGHAI.

Clerk etc.

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