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Ans'd.

LONDON

The Secretary  
Lloyd's Register of Shipping,  
Tower Building,  
Liverpool.

Dear Sir,

M. V. "STRATUM" - 174 tons  
Motor Lighter

Re No.1. Hull Survey of above vessel now due. The owners of above vessel have given the matter their most careful consideration, but owing to compliance with Lloyd's Rules for Machinery and Tailshaft Surveys being likely to prove impracticable next year, they have with regret instructed me to allow the vessel to pass out of Class and to take steps to put her through Loadline Survey under Board of Trade forthwith. I am instructed to say that this action is only taken because Lloyd's requirements are not applicable to best advantage in the case of a vessel employed in a special trade such as "Stratum's" and where owners carry their own insurance, delays of any kind must be avoided at all costs, and though Owners would have been willing to retain the hull in Class this does not apply to the machinery. Owners wish it to be made clear that your Surveyors and Staff have done their best at all times to meet them in every way to the limits of your Rules, and that the withdrawal of the ship from Class must on no account be regarded as a reflection on your Surveyors and Staff who have always been most courteous and helpful.

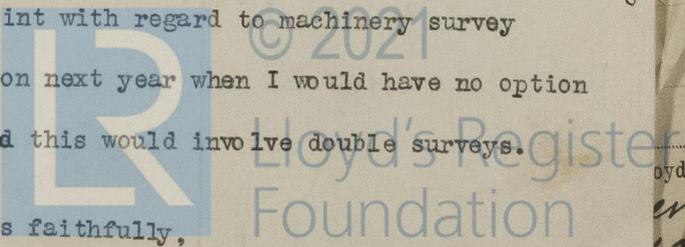
I of course appreciate that the point with regard to machinery survey does not apply now, but that it would come on next year when I would have no option except to withdraw the ship from Lloyds and this would involve double surveys.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

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