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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

Enclosure

12th December, 1933.

Dear Sirs,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant respecting the case of your s.s. "BOMBARDIER", which I note you have sold to Italian Owners and that you desire an interim certificate to enable the vessel to proceed to Italy with a non-perishable cargo.

The case has been under consideration to-day, and the Committee desire me to point out that in view of the fact that the vessel has been laid up under an undertaking which you have furnished regarding the overdue surveys, viz:- that these will be carried out before the vessel proceeds to sea, they regret that they do not see how they can agree to the vessel leaving the Tyne, if she has been sold for trading purposes, unless the Special Survey No.3, which became due in August 1932, and all repairs, are carried out.

I am desired to remind you that the Second Special Survey No.2 became due on this vessel in August 1928, and the following Special Survey No.3 in August 1932, and no part of these surveys has been held. The vessel's class, however, has been allowed to remain undisturbed in the Register Book whilst she has been laid up on the undertaking referred to

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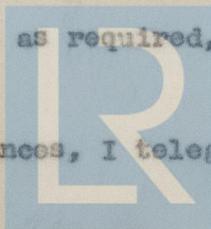
above, and the Committee cannot depart from their usual practice in dealing with this case, which is as stated above.

I have, however, to add that if the vessel is to be sold for breaking up purposes, the Committee would be prepared to authorise the Society's Surveyors at Newcastle to hold a general examination of the hull and machinery, with a view to ascertaining whether the vessel is in a fit condition for the proposed voyage, and provided this survey was satisfactory and the boiler and screwshaft surveys were held, an interim certificate for the voyage with a non-perishable cargo could be granted.

With regard to the reference made in your letter to the statement made to Sir Arthur M. Sutherland on Thursday last, I find on enquiry that he was informed that if the ship was sold for trading the overdue surveys would require to be held before she left, but that if she was sold for breaking up purposes facilities would be afforded to enable the vessel to load a non-perishable cargo subject to a satisfactory examination, as required, being held by the Society's Surveyors.

In the circumstances, I telegraphed to you to-day

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as per copy enclosed herewith, which is hereby confirmed.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the  
Classification Committee.

Messrs. Robinson, Brown & Co.,  
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