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6th February, 1946.

Dear Sirs,

Reverting to my letter of the 20th March, 1940 respecting the steamers "MONTCALM" and "MONTCLARE", I shall be obliged if you will kindly let me know whether arrangements have been made for the release of these vessels from Government service.

I think it well to explain ^{that} in view of the forthcoming reprint of the Society's Register Book the cases of these and other vessels similarly employed on Government Commissioned Naval Service are being reviewed. During the war period by arrangement with the Admiralty the particulars and class of vessels employed on Commissioned Naval Service have been allowed by the Committee to remain undisturbed in the Register Book during the period of such service, without the application of the Society's Rules for periodical survey or the terms of the Merchant Shipping Act as regards Load Line.

Owing to the present changed conditions, however, unless there is a definite prospect of an early return to Commercial service and the carrying out of overdue surveys, the Committee would doubtless desire to give instructions for the particulars and class of the vessels to be omitted from the reprint of the Register Book and I accordingly await the pleasure of your remarks in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

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