

(Original with papers regarding
Manchester Surveying Duties)

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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

MANCHESTER.

2nd December 1931.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 25th ultimo respecting the steamer "GRACEFIELD" which the Owners desire to be surveyed for the assignment of freeboards in accordance with the International Convention. This, as you know, takes up considerable time, and we beg to inform you that owing to the pressure of work in this district since Mr. Lockhart's removal we have so far been unable to deal with the matter and would respectfully suggest that another experienced Surveyor be appointed to this port as soon as possible during Mr. Lockhart's absence.

We may say that the assistance from Liverpool has not worked satisfactorily owing to the fact that we cannot judge with any degree of accuracy how much work is coming along from day to day.

(signed)

A. SMELLIE

The Secretary,

LONDON.



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