

17.5.32.

Draft letter to Commander Wardrop.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th April last which has now received the consideration of the Committee. ~~and~~ While much regretting the position in which your Company finds itself owing to the unsuitability of this vessel for the purpose for which they had acquired her, the Committee <sup>direct</sup> ~~instructs~~ me to point out that, it is no part of the functions of this Society, as a Classification Society, to ensure, or even to express any view as to, the <sup>suitability</sup> ~~seaworthiness~~ of any particular vessel for a particular purpose.

The classification work which the Society was called upon to do in connection with the vessel appears to have been satisfactorily carried out, ~~and that~~

In these circumstances the Committee <sup>are</sup> ~~is~~ unable to assent to your suggestion that the Society should bear any part of the loss which ~~you state that~~ your Company has sustained.

I am,

Yours faithfully,



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