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Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

7th January, 1920. /

Dear Sirs,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, in regard to the subject of the fees payable to this Society for the special survey during construction of the s.s. "BRANSTONE."

With regard to your remarks I may say that the fees in question did not become due, in accordance with the Society's practice, until the completion of the vessel, and that the matter was taken up with you as soon as the fact of Messrs. Colby Brothers going into liquidation came to the knowledge of this Office.

I should point out that if you had required the production of this Society's Certificate of Classification before taking the vessel over and paying the last instalment the present difficulty would not have arisen. The Society's Certificate of Classification has not yet been issued.

From the report which has appeared in the Press of the Meeting of the Creditors of Messrs. Colby Brothers, it would seem that there is a possibility of the Society's fees



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being recoverable from the builders, but the Certificate of Classification cannot be issued, nor can the full record of the classification appear in the Register Book, until the Society's fees have been paid.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Messrs. Morgan, Smalles & Co.,

3, Stuart Street,

Bute Docks,

Cardiff.



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