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11th May, 1933.

Dear Mr. McMillan,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th instant regarding the case of the Cunard Steamer "MAURETANIA".

When the freeboard certificates were issued in June, 1932, owing to the fact that the Special Survey is held in several small sections the record of survey had not been determined, and in consequence certificates were issued which expired on the 31st July this year. It is noted, however, that the Committee granted the record of 2nd S.S.No.3 Feb.1932 and in consequence the vessel will be entitled to a freeboard certificate valid for 5 years from that date when the next Annual Survey is held.

As the present certificate is not valid after the above date, it will be necessary for the Annual Survey to be held prior to that date, and on receipt of your report new certificates will be issued.

I would suggest that the best way of meeting the Owners wishes will be for them to hold a further Annual Survey in December when the vessel is under examination by the Board of Trade Surveyors and thereafter to hold the Annual Survey each December.

The object of the Convention is to have an Annual Survey at intervals of not more than twelve months and the



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procedure I have suggested can be ~~made~~ and at the same time meet the Owners wishes in the matter.

With Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

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