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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.

16th October, 1915.

Dear Sirs,

. S. With reference to the classification in the Society's Register Book of your Steamer "STETTIN", I am directed to acquaint you that the Committee have had under their consideration a Report on the vessel received from the Society's Surveyor at Lisbon, from which it appears that in consequence of the thrust shaft having broken a new shaft has been fitted. This new shaft, which is 8" diameter at the smallest part, has been turned out of an old crank shaft 15 " diameter. As, however, the centre portion of a large forging is never so sound as the outer portion, which has received more work during the process of forging, the turning of an 8" shaft from one 15" diameter cannot be considered satisfactory, and the shaft now fitted can only be considered as a temporary repair.

In the circumstances I shall be obliged if you will kindly arrange for a new shaft to be fitted within three months, and in the meantime the Committee

have allowed the vessel's class to remain subject to a
new and properly forged shaft being fitted before the end
of January next.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Messrs. James Currie & Co.,
16, Bernard Street,
LEITH.