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Case of the composite ship "LEANDER", No. 277 in the Register Book, built at Glasgow in 1867, and classed 19 A 1

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This vessel came under special periodical survey in September 1890, when she had decks renewed, and was retalled and otherwise partially repaired. To complete the special survey the whole of the inside of the vessel requires to be examined, including a few frames and floors which had been partially examined and found to be slightly wasted through galvanic action. The owners' Superintendent stated that under the charter sufficient time could not be afforded for a general examination, but promised to have the survey completed on the vessel's return to the United Kingdom in about eight months' time.

On the vessel's return in July, the owners wrote pointing out that they bought this vessel upon the strength of the Continuation Survey held in 1888, and that nevertheless they were called upon to do very extensive repairs, costing nearly £ 1500, within four years of that survey, and they therefore requested that the further examination and repair of the vessel should be postponed until her return from another voyage, which was not likely to be a long one, as she was a very fast ship.

The case was submitted to the Classing Committee on the 17th July when they had before them the remarks of the Chief Surveyor, recommending that as the vessel was found in an unsatisfactory condition in many parts on the occasion of the survey held at Glasgow in 1890, and as she did not appear to be chartered, there was no reason why the requirements of the special survey should not be proceeded with forthwith. The Committee instructed the owners to be written to accordingly, which was done.

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On the 28th August a letter was received from the Liverpool office, forwarding one from the owners in which they stated that they had not any business in prospect for the vessel, which was just laid up, but that they would give due notice whenever they decided to repair her. The Secretary at Liverpool added that the vessel was then for sale.

The owners were written to on the 29th August and informed that unless a definite undertaking were given that the repairs required would be carried out before the vessel was sold, her character would be at once expunged from the Register Book. They were again written to on the 2nd instant, but in the absence of any reply the Classing Committee, on the 8th instant, decided to expunge the vessel's class with a red line, indicating non-compliance with the Society's Rules. A further letter conveying this decision, was at once addressed to the owners.

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