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Reference

Dear Mr. Sladden,

"ISLE OF SARK".

I have received a letter from Mr. McMillan, of Hull, informing me of the telephone conversations he has had with you, regarding the carrying out of the Special Survey on above vessel, and of your request that, an Official letter be sent by the Railway, stating that it is understood that proposals for arrangements for progressive surveys as at present in use for large passenger ships, are likely to be made to include ships similar to their own, and asking that this concession might apply to their "Isle of Sark" and similar vessels now under survey.

Mr. McMillan requested that I approach Mr. Campbell, their Superintendent Engineer at Southampton and discuss this matter with him, with a view to getting him to send in the required letter.

I have seen Mr. Campbell and he pointed out that, as the M.O.T. issue the Freeboards for these vessels, they require a full survey every 4-5 years and unless they agree to the Progressive Survey, the Railway will not gain anything by us doing them.

This was discussed with the Senior Ship Surveyor for M.O.T., at Southampton and he stated that if vessels were fully classed by us, and surveys were up to date, they would then issue the Freeboards without a further survey, with the exception of their Passenger Certificate survey which requires to be carried out, whether they issue the Load Line or not.

This has been explained to Mr. Campbell and he says that as the Railway is now Nationalized he will have to take this matter up with Headquarters, as this will not only affect the Southern Region but all regions.

As you may be hearing from them direct, I thought you would like to know of these discussions, at Southampton.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,

J. Nicholas.

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