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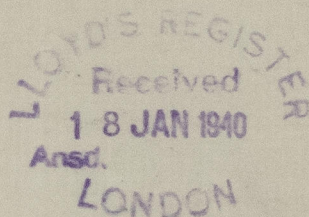
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Leadenhall House,
101, Leadenhall Street,
London, 17th January 1940
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The Secretary
Lloyd's Register of Shipping,
41, Fenchurch Street,
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Dear Sir,

We are concerned for Underwriters in a case in which the seaworthiness of a British vessel is in question. The vessel was given a seaworthy certificate by one of your officials after she had undergone certain repairs which were necessitated on account of a fire which broke out on board. There is no suggestion that these repairs were not properly done, or that she was not entitled to a certificate of seaworthiness in respect of these repairs.

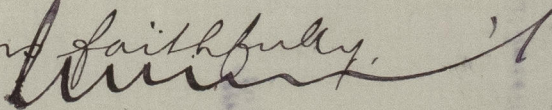
The point, however, is whether one of your Surveyors in giving a seaworthy certificate, would confine himself to whether the repairs recommended had been carried out properly and the vessel was in that respect fit to go

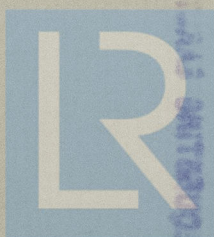
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sea again, or whether it would be also
 is duty, or at all events, within his province,
 as a Surveyor, to refuse to give a certificate
 if the fire-fighting equipment was not
 efficient. In this connection we particularly
 should like you to assume that the provisions
 of the Board of Trade Notice to Shipowners, No. M.140,
 with regard to ~~extinction~~ of fire when on
 cargo ships, under the heading "water service
 ropes", had not been complied with by the shipowner.

We should be very grateful if you
 could see your way to let us have a reply to
 this letter at your earliest convenience

Yours faithfully,




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Referred to the Chief Ship Surveyor,
and the Chief Engineer Surveyor.

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also for Mr. Stadden to note

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