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Mr. Sladden,

I received your letter of the 26th ultimo respecting the steamer "IMPALA" and the S.S. "BOKKEVELD" and as already indicated do not anticipate any difficulty about the required Confirmatory survey on the former vessel.

The question of the "BOKKEVELD" however is entirely a different matter and the opinion I formed sometime ago has been confirmed by Mr. van Lare who has just held the Confirmatory survey.

I advised the Owners of the requirements regarding the vessel and they requested that the survey be held at Cape Town.

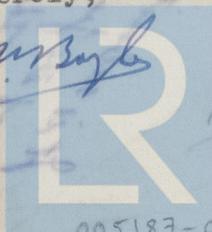
In the circumstances I thought it best to send you a copy of Mr. van Lare's letter to me which I enclose herewith and from which it will be seen that the survey was apparently a farce. In regard to the provisional loadline Certificate issued by Mr. van Lare a copy of which is also enclosed, together with copies of all other certificates he issued to the ship, it will be seen that it expired on the 29th August. Also the loadlines given on the Certificate are in accordance with the original loadline Certificate which I have issued from this office. The discrepancy no doubt being brought about through the Surveyor who issued the Provisional B.C. Loadline Certificate having to measure the loadlines on the boards from the ship's sides.

I very much regret having to bring these facts before you but I cannot see how the "BOKKEVELD" can be accepted in class.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

J. Sladden, Esq.,  
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It is submitted that it is to be informed that on account of the findings of the exclusive surveyors at Dumbur at the time of the confirmatory survey, it will be necessary to have carried out a complete examination of the ship. Only on the satisfactory completion of all necessary repairs will classification be further considered. J.G. 23/9

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