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Dear Sirs,

M.S. "BRITISH LIBERTY"  
M.S. "BRITISH CROWN".

I refer to the conversation with Mr. Firman on Friday last, when the question of the Screwshaft Surveys of these ships was discussed.

I would refer you to Notice No.3 concerning the Society's Rules, a copy of which is enclosed, and would explain that when the Screwshafts of the above-mentioned ships were examined at Falmouth in September we had in mind that the root radius of the keyways should be 0.015 times the diameter of the shaft. The Surveyor reported, therefore, that the keyways of these ships did not comply with the Rule and no crack detection test was carried out.

Although we are still recommending this root radius for new shafts, the question of existing ships has been reconsidered and we are now prepared to accept shafts provided there is no sharp corner at the root of the keyway and the other provisions of Rule C.1002 are fulfilled.

In view of this, provided the shafts of these two ships are crack detected and found in order at the next Screwshaft Surveys, which will become due in September 1966, subsequent Surveys may be held at intervals of four years. Please let me know, in due course, where and when the ships will be submitted for Screwshaft Survey so that Instructions can be sent to the Surveyor concerned.

There may be some other similar cases which will be dealt with in the same way.

Yours faithfully,

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