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MONTAGU HOUSE,  
WEST HARTLEPOOL.  
4th May, 1915.

The Secretary,

Lloyd's Register of Shipping,  
71 Fenchurch Street,  
London, E.C.

Dear Sir,

S/S "PARKLANDS".

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We beg to confirm our two telegrams to you of  
this morning, as follows:-

"PARKLANDS WE HAVE DONE STRAKING ACCORDING YOUR REQUIREMENT  
IT WAS IMPOS SIBLE SURVEY BUNKERS THIS VOYAGE OWING  
COALS WE ASSURE YOU BUNKERS ARE IN EXCELLENT CONDITION  
WE WILL HAVE BUNKERS SURVEYED NEXT VOYAGE BUT MEANTIME  
PLEASE POST US CERTIFICATES TODAY AS AGREED. WIRE".

"PARKLANDS THE LOAD LINE CERTIFICATE WAS TAKEN FROM US  
OWING TO THE STRAKING REQUIREMENT THIS HAS BEEN DONE AND  
WE DEMAND THE IMMEDIATE RETURN OF THE CERTIFICATE  
FAILING WHICH WE MUST HOLD YOU LIABLE ALL OUR LOSSES".

In accordance with your requirements, we have just  
completed the straking at Messrs. Grays' yard here,  
consequently, we are now entitled to your certificate, and  
also the Board of Trade load line certificate, and we  
must kindly ask you to forward us these documents without  
delay.

In regard to the bunkers, it was impossible  
to have these surveyed here, as there was a large  
quantity of coal in same, but, we assure you, the bunkers

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are in excellent condition, and we will agree to have them surveyed by you on completion of the next voyage, providing, of course, it is practicable to do so.

In any case, this requirement has nothing to do with the load line certificate, as we have now got over this difficulty by doing the straking.

We regret to state that you have been depriving us of  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " in the load line, whereas, according to our agreement with your Glasgow House, you would be satisfied with 2", and your people at Glasgow informed us that the 2" was required owing to the straking.

This steamer is now at Methil and is expected to leave there tomorrow with coals for Rouen, and the Captain requires his load line certificate, and if there is any delay in this vessel's departure owing to the absence of this certificate, we beg to give you notice that we will hold you liable for our losses.

Yours faithfully,

*H. W. Baird*

6. P.M.

Thanks for your wire -  
Please wire the Board of Trade  
at Methil to allow this vessel  
to sail without production of load  
line certificate -

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Referred to the Chief Ship Surveyor

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+ Mr. Magne

+ Mr. de la Roche

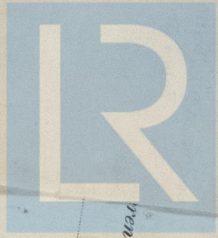
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The Secretary  
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