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

J.W. BAIRD & CO
TIMBER IMPORTERS.
STEAMSHIP OWNERS.

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National Telephone No 129. & 545.
Telegrams, BAIRD, West Hartlepool.
Codes: A.B.C., Watkins, New Zebra
Zebra 3rd. Ed. & Wood.

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

Dear Sir,

S/S "PARKLANDS".

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. Handley

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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London

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N.B. - All alterations etc
If the vessel has Water
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