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14th September, 1905.

Dear Sirs,

I have to confirm the following telegrams which have passed between us to-day respecting the case of the Steamer "ETHELSTAN", viz:-

Received:- "Classification ETHELSTAN Owners still refuse on principle to give a letter omission ceiling he has now loaded vessel and notifies us she is ready for sea and holds us responsible for demurrage until classification certificate is handed over under these circumstances and in view of his having signed specification agreeing for ceiling to be lifted under hatchways and at limbers only we shall be glad if you can class the vessel today meeting and forward certificate to us tonight".

Sent :- "Have telegraphed to Owner as follows and hope to send certificate today ETHELSTAN certificate quite ready for delivery but no ceiling except under hatches section 25 not complied with Builders state you approve this therefore unless we hear from you to contrary by five o'clock today will issue certificate

I have received a reply from the Owner to my telegram as the result of which I further telegraphed to you as follows, viz:-

"Please post tonight for our inspection and return the specification stipulating for ceiling under hatches only signed by Owner".

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Messrs.R.Stephenson & Co.Ld.,

HEBBURN-ON-TYNE.

Secretary.



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