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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

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17th December, 1926.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 4th instant respecting your steamer "CAMILLA GILBERT" reached this Office on the 13th instant, and has been duly submitted to the Committee at their meeting to-day.

As you are aware, the Special Survey of this vessel's boilers became due so long ago as April last, and early in September the Society's Surveyor at Bergen was instructed to inform you that the Committee had agreed to the postponement of this survey until the vessel's return to Europe, which was expected to take place in about 1½ months' time. The Society's Antwerp Surveyors stated on the 24th ultimo that they had been in touch with your Agents, who approached the Captain regarding the matter, but the vessel left for Cape Race without the survey being held. In these circumstances, you will understand that the vessel is liable to have her class expunged from the Society's Register Book, and the Committee have found it most difficult to allow the character to be further continued, as the survey is now so much overdue, and they much regret that the arrangement was not duly carried out.

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They have, however, deferred action on the definite understanding that the inspection will be carried out without fail on the steamer's arrival at a port in the United Kingdom about the end of next month.

You will observe from the foregoing statement that the Society's Surveyors at Antwerp did approach your Agents on the subject, but I may point out that according to the Society's Rules, the duty of giving notice when the attendance of the Surveyors is required to carry out Periodical Special Surveys rests with the Owners, Masters or Agents.

I note that on the occasion of the survey to be held at the end of January, an opportunity will be afforded the Society's Surveyors to inspect the vessel on account of the reported grounding at Sydney, C.B.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

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