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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

28th July, 1930.

Dear Sirs,

With reference to your Mr. Thirkettle's call at this
M. Office respecting the proposal to place the S.S. "JOHN HARKER",
your Yard No. 34, on service from Hull to Coryton until the end
of October, I am directed to acquaint you that as explained to
him the conditions obtaining in the North Sea are practically
equivalent to an unrestricted service, and that the vessel, as
at present constructed, is not suitable for this service.

He was informed, however, that provided a forecastle,
efficiently constructed, be fitted extending to the after side of
the crews' companion, and the pump room deckhouse be extended on
the port side so as to form an entrance house to the engine room
with a door in the casing side and a second door in an internal
bulkhead, it would be recommended that no objection be raised
to using the vessel on the Coryton/Hull service until the end
of October.

Mr. Thirkettle explained that the vessel was being
constructed primarily for service between Worcester, Swansea
and Bideford, and the fitting of a forecastle would render her
unsuitable for this service, and it was therefore probable that
you would not proceed further with the question of using her

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in the North Sea, and the Owners would probably charter another vessel for this service.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Messrs. J. Harker, Ltd.,
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