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45 & 6, Great St. Helens,
London, E.C.3.

11th October 1926.

Secretary,
Messrs Lloyds Registry of Shipping,
71 Fenchurch St.,
E.C.3.

Dear Sir,

We thank you for your letter of the 8th inst., and regret to learn that the Committee have decided that the s.s. "WIMBLEDON" must go through her 2nd Special No.3. Survey, together with the Boiler Survey, at Buenos Ayres.

We would be greatly obliged if the Committee would consider their decision, as owing to the financial state of this Company, it would be quite beyond our power to put the boat through survey as they request.

We beg to point out that in your letter of the 14th July last, the Committee agreed to allow the steamer to return to the U.K. or Continent from the River Plate before passing the Survey, subject to passing the Boiler Survey at Buenos Ayres.

When this steamer commenced her outward voyage from Rotterdam, in October 1925, it was the intention of bringing the steamer back to the U.K. to pass her survey before the Year of Grace expired in April 1926, but owing to the detention by the Mexican Government, all our intentions have been over-thrown, by matters beyond our control.

As you will appreciate the detention has brought unforeseen financial strain upon the Company, and owing to the want of working capital, they have been unable to charter this steamer on the ordinary charter basis. Only a charter that could give a sufficient prepaid freight to finance the steamer in the Plate and her homeward passage could get the steamer out of her difficulties, and as such is not obtainable to the U.K. or Continent direct, the Company had no alternative but accept a charter to Odessa which gave the necessary funds.

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We realise of course, that you are not concerned with our financial troubles, but we would like to point out that the steamer would only take about 6 weeks longer to perform this voyage than if she came direct to the U.K. or Continent.

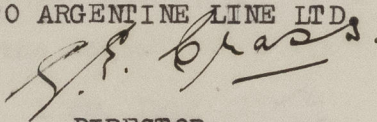
If you cannot grant this additional extension of time, the only alternative is that the steamer will have to be left in Buenos Ayres and the crew sent home, as if we are unable to fulfill the above charter the Company have not the means to shift the steamer, and furthermore, a heavy claim will doubtless be put forward against us for non-fulfillment by the Charterers.

After discharging at Odessa, we herewith undertake to bring the steamer back to the U.K. or Continent, and in fact, we would endeavour to charter her for such homeward employment immediately she sails from the River Plate.

We therefore trust that you will reconsider this special case on its merits, and give us permission to do the round trip in question.

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of
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Referred to Mr. S. A. Hill.

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