

25th October, 1949.

Dear Mr. Stocks,

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I am in receipt of your letter of the 19th instant respecting the delay which occurred in reporting the steamer "VERGRAY" at Newport, which has been referred to the Chief Surveyors.

Their comments are that it would appear to be necessary that you should emphasise to the Newport Surveyors it is essential that as soon as Surveyors have completed a survey the Committee Rpts. 8 and 9 should be forwarded without undue delay in order that these may be submitted to the Classing Committee.

Long delay in establishing the current classification position of the ship may lead to embarrassment with Owners.

They consider the report in this case should not have been withheld pending settlement of dispute between Owners and Underwriters, but should have been forwarded as suggested in the fifth paragraph of your letter, the full facts being stated. If considered desirable, the issue of the Special Damage Report could have been delayed pending discussion between Owners' and Underwriters' representatives.

With kindest regards,
Yours sincerely,

C. H. Stocks, Esq.,
CARDIFF.



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