

6th February, 1952.

Dear Mr. Bulow,

I have looked into the case of the "BLENDA" referred to in your letter of the 30th ultimo, and find that the proposed notation for the date of build given you in my letter of the 13th January 1950, should not have been countermanded as was apparently done by a letter sent to the Gothenburg Office on the 9th February 1950.

The Committee decision to which you refer forbidding any records of a "Rebuilt" notation in the Register Book was intended to refer only to unclassed and disclassed vessels where, in the past, we had been inserting such notations merely because they appeared in other Registers. At that time we were not satisfied that other Registers were only granting such notations in most exceptional circumstances, but as this case is not only exceptional, but unprecedented, we shall obviously have to agree to a special date of build.

You will remember that the suggested record was "Rebuilt (with date) excepting frames, sternframe and keel (iron) built 1855" and we subsequently understood from Mr. Townshend that the Owners' Consultants had expressed their agreement therewith.

Perhaps, therefore, you will be good enough to let me know whether this agreement still holds good so that I could submit the case to the Committee for assignment of the notation.

The photographs you sent are most interesting. Obviously we cannot give her a date of build of 1855 and yet describe her as 'steel and iron' seeing that mild steel was not introduced until 1877.

With kindest regards,
Yours sincerely,

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