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The Secretary,
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Dear Sir,

"HAVELET" and "BELVEDERE".

We have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, enclosing a copy of your letter to the Owners of the above vessels concerning the withdrawal of these vessels from Class.

In this connection we have to advise you that in the course of discussions with the Owner last year regarding Classification Surveys, he told us that the Ministry of Transport Surveyor had indicated to him that it would be much more economical for him to transfer the vessels to the Ministry for Load Line Certificates and discontinue their Classification.

The Owner was informed that the facilities of Classification Surveys now available to him were much greater than he would receive from the Ministry and the Hull Surveys would still require to be carried out for the issue of the Ministry Load Line Certificate.

In the absence of Mr. Nicholas, the undersigned has mentioned this to the Principle Officer of the Ministry at Southampton, who is gravely concerned to hear that any influence has been used by his staff to bring about this transfer of the Load Line Certificate, and from his remarks it appears that there may be some political move in the States of Guernsey Department to obtain authority eventually from the Ministry for issuing their own form of Load Line Certificate.

It is thought that this information may be of interest to you.

Yours faithfully

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