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49, Queen Square,

Bristol, 1 4th April, 1952.

Dear Mr. Sladden,

Further to your letter of the 21st March, and my reply of the 31st respecting the steamer "SANDHOLM" No. 25617 in the Register Book, I have now had an opportunity of speaking to Mr. K. A. L. Brown.

He informs me that the vessel is now undergoing Boiler Survey and Annual Load Line Survey at Liverpool.

As regards the vessel he states that she is operating in the Mersey in restricted waters not requiring a Load Line and for an indefinite period. He intimates one or two years depending on whether they can get another vessel to replace her for the Mersey work. Should, however, she be required for Bristol Channel work at any time she will be returned to Bristol.

He would, therefore, be glad to know whether the class can be extended for the Mersey operations or whether a special class can be assigned to cover the present class and operations outside the Bristol Channel in keeping with the present qualified class to cover other ports, in particular, Liverpool.

I endeavoured to explain the difference between restricted class and restricted freeboard, but this seems to be beyond most people.

I understand that the Load Line Survey is being held to maintain the validity of the certificate and Mr. Brown was under the impression that our enquiry would be dealt with by our Liverpool Office.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

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