

1st February, 1950.

Dear Sirs,

M.S. "STRATTON CROFT".

With reference to the case of the above-named ship, of which it is understood you are the London Agents of the new Owners, The Arab Navigation & Transport Company, Aden, I am desired to point out that this ship holds a class of "B.S.* Coasting Service".

I am informed by the Society's Surveyors at Hull that the vessel will shortly proceed to Aden under a Certificate issued by the Ministry of Transport, and you will doubtless appreciate that while this is quite in order, so far as this Society is concerned her class does not cover her for such a voyage. It will therefore be necessary to record a notation of "Class temporarily suspended" when the ship leaves the United Kingdom.

Should it be desired to reinstate the vessel in class on her arrival at Aden, it will be necessary for a General Examination to be held afloat by the Society's Surveyor at that port after the ship arrives.

I shall therefore be glad to learn whether the new Owners desire the necessary instructions to be sent to the Aden Surveyor, or whether classification will no longer be desired.

In this connection, I would point out that the Annual Classification Survey became due last November, when also a Special Survey fell due, and if class is to be maintained, one of these inspections will require to be held.

Perhaps at the same time you will state whether a Load Line Certificate will be desired from this Society after arrival of the vessel in her new sphere of service.

Yours faithfully,

Copy sent to Aden & Hull.

Clerk to the
Classification Committee.

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