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Dear Sir,

Notations in Register Book for
Ships Laid up.

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Reverting to your letter of the 6th October in particular relation to the case of the steamer "SINCLAIR H-C", you will be interested to hear that the whole question of notations to be assigned in the Book when ships are laid up has received special consideration by a combined meeting of the London Classification Committee Members.

The position in the past, as you know, has been that no record in regard to the laid up status of ships has been made until a year of grace has expired.

On reconsidering the matter the Committee realise it is no part of their duty to draw attention to ships which are laid up as the very fact that they are out of service does not affect maintenance of class. What does affect the classification position is the fact of surveys being overdue, and the Committee feel quite confident that it is a right and proper thing for them to draw attention in the Book to any classed ship which is outside the Rule limits for surveys except for the very few cases in which, in unusual circumstances, they agree to a latitude of a month or two beyond the end of the year of grace.

Following from this view, it is their opinion that a notation of 'Surveys overdue' should appear in appropriate cases and, moreover, they consider that this record should be in conjunction with one of 'Class Suspended' when a ship is laid up and no definite arrangements are contemplated for survey. This lines up with their previous decision that when a laid up ship is out of a year of grace they will agree only to a certificate for her to proceed to a repair or breaking up port as "unclassed".

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The Committee quite appreciate that other Societies do not make similar notations, and that any record may probably be unacceptable to American owners, but they do not feel they should treat such owners differently from ships flying other flags.

They have decided that, in future, when a ship is laid up and the year of grace expires, they will record "Surveys Overdue - Class Suspended (with date)" and the notations of "Laid up - Surveys overdue" already appearing in the Register Book of Supplement will be altered into line with this new wording at the next reprint of the Register Book. **

As a result of this decision they have now given instructions for a record of "Surveys Overdue - Class Suspended 11,59." to appear in the next Supplement against the "CEFALU", "SAN PABLO" and "SINCLAIR H-C" all of which have been the subject of recent correspondence between us.

It is hoped that the owners of these vessels will not take strong exception to the action being taken by us, particularly when they realise that these are not isolated instances, but three of many cases in which this notation will appear in future.

Yours faithfully,

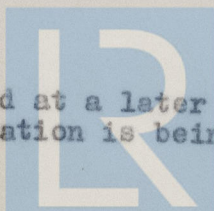
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** P.S. You will be informed at a later date of the cases in which this alteration is being made.

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