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Case of the Double Twin Screw Ferry Steamers "COUNTESS
OF LATHOM" & "COUNTESS OF ZETLAND", built in 1888, and classed

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"FOR GREENWICH FERRY PURPOSES".
L.M.C.12,88.

The case of these vessels received the consideration of the General Committee on the 29th.ultimo.

The Special Survey No.1 became due on these vessels at the End of August and September, 1891, respectively.

Both vessels were examined in dry dock in November last, but no other portion of Special Survey No.1 has been complied with.

The Receiver and Manager of the Company to which they belong, in reply to notices sent respecting the overdue Surveys, stated that "there did not appear to be any probability of the "Survey being asked for, for some time to come, as the Ferry had "been stopped by the Court in consequence of the Company having "come to the end of their resources".

It was, therefore, requested that action might be deferred, say for a month, until the Trustees for the Debenture holders had decided what should be done, and this was approved by the General Committee.

A further letter has now been received, stating that "it "is desirable, in the uncertainty which exists as to the vessels' "disposal, that the survey should be deferred for as long a period "as the Committee can see their way to sanction".

It is pointed out that one of the vessels has never been

in use since the original survey, and the other for less than 18 months; also, that the machinery has been overhauled, and the inside of the vessel examined from time to time as far as practicable, and the Receiver and Manager requests that, under the circumstances, the Committee will postpone any further action in the matter, for say three months, especially as the expenses of the survey would be a serious charge at the present.

Under the circumstances, it is submitted for the favourable consideration of the Committee that further action might be deferred, as requested; but, at the same time, the Owners should be informed that, unless the Surveys are completed before the re-printing of the Register Book in May next, the characters of these vessels will be omitted; and, further, they should be requested, in the event of the vessels being offered for sale, to inform any intending purchasers of these conditions as regards their classification in the Register Book.

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