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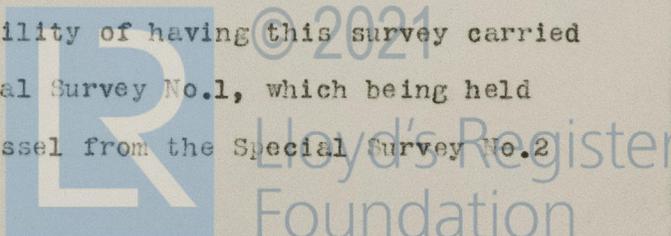
23rd March, 1897.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 28th December last and to previous correspondence between us respecting the Special Survey No.1 required by the Society's Rules on your Company's steamer "HIGUEROTE", I beg to acquaint you that the Committee have had before them this day a communication from the Society's Surveyor at Barbadoes to the effect that he has received a letter from your Agent intimating that the vessel cannot possibly be spared from her employment at present and will be sent to Barbadoes for survey in May next, and with regard thereto, I have to say that action in the case has been further deferred by the Committee under the circumstances, but in view of the survey being so very long overdue, the Committee regret that unless it be held in May next, as proposed, they will have no other alternative than to deal with the vessel's class.

I think it well to point out that this vessel will become due in May 1898 for the Special Survey No.2 required by the Society's Rules, and to suggest the advisability of having this survey carried out next May instead of the Special Survey No.1, which being held this year would not exempt the vessel from the Special Survey No.2 next year.

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I may add that the difference between the two Special Surveys consists in the removal of two more strakes of ceiling and the ranging of the chain cables in the case of the Special Survey No.2.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

The Secretary,

The Carenero Spoorweg en Stoomvaart Maatschappij,

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