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23rd October, 1896.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the classification in this Society's Register Book of your steamer "HIGUEROTE", I am directed to call your attention to the fact that the Special Survey No.1 prescribed by the Society's Rules became due in the case of this vessel in April 1894, since which date the survey has been allowed by the Committee to be postponed from time to time to admit of arrangements being made for the vessel to be sent to a port at which the Society has a Surveyor stationed.

In the latter part of last year the Committee appointed Captain Fox to act as the Society's Surveyor at Barbadoes, and at the same time deferred action in the case of the "HIGUEROTE" subject to the S.S.No.1 being held within six months.

In April last Mr J.Gurney Fowler of this City wrote that the vessel would be sent to Martinique for repairs at the end of May, and it was suggested to that gentlemen that he might communicate with Captain Fox with a view to arranging with him for the Special Survey to be carried out at Martinique.

I wrote to Mr Fowler on the 29th ultimo enquiring what further arrangements had been made for the submission of the vessel to Special Survey No.1, and he has referred me to you in the matter.

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I have therefore to point out that as the survey in question is now so very long overdue, it should be carried out at the earliest opportunity to entitle the vessel to retain her class, and I shall feel obliged if you will kindly let me know for the Committee's information what arrangements you propose to make with a view to this being done.

Awaiting the favour of an early reply,

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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