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17th September, 1897.

Dear Sirs,

I duly received your letter of the 14th instant, enclosing reports of a survey held at Mazatlan on your steam tug "ALTATA", and having submitted this case to the Committee today, I am directed to acquaint you that the reports in question do not show that the vessel has been examined in dry dock or on a slipway in accordance with the Rules nor are the general statements contained therein as to the condition of the hull, machinery and equipment such as to admit of the Special Survey being recorded in the Register Book.

Under the circumstances, the Committee will be glad if you will kindly arrange for Lloyd's Agent at Mazatlan to select competent Surveyors to hold the necessary surveys on hull and machinery at Guaymas where there is a slipway on which the vessel can be placed as there does not appear to be either dry dock or slipway at Mazatlan, and I have to add that as the vessel shortly becomes due for the Special Survey No.2 required by the Rules it is considered that she should be submitted to this survey now with a view to avoid a further survey being required in a short time.

I shall therefore be glad to hear what steps you will take in the matter.

Messrs. The Western Railway Co.,  
of Mexico Lim.,  
20, Abchurch Lane,  
E. C.

I am, Dear Sirs,  
Yours faithfully,

pro Secretary.

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