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27th. August, 1896.

Dear Sir,

I am duly in receipt of your letter of the 17th. instant respecting the surveys overdue on the steamers "ALTATA" and "MAZATLAN", and having laid the cases before the General Committee at their meeting today, I am directed to acquaint you that as it is impracticable to arrange for these vessels to proceed to a port where the Society has a Surveyor stationed, or for the Society's Surveyor at San Francisco to proceed so far out of his district, the Committee will allow these surveys to be held by a competent Surveyor, who is independent of the Company, to be appointed by Lloyd's Agent at Guaymas, if you will make the necessary arrangements for the surveys to take place.

I shall therefore be pleased to hear from you on this subject as soon as possible, in order that the necessary instructions as to the requirements of the surveys may be sent to Lloyd's Agent at Guaymas.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

The Secretary,

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Mexico, Ltd.,

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