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2nd May, 1902.

Dear Sirs,

Reverting to our correspondence of February last, regarding the freeboards of your steamer "THE LADY BELLE", I have to inform you that I am to-day in receipt of a telegram from Messrs. Harries Brothers & Co., of Swansea, as follows:-

"Steamer THE LADY BELLE detained by Customs as cannot produce loadline certificate please wire immediately Collector Customs Swansea naming loadline assigned to the steamer she has L.R. painted on side although no certificate issued."

As desired, I have wired the freeboards assigned to the Collector of Customs at that port, but at the same time I am directed to remind you that in January last, at your request, the Society's Surveyors at Cardiff were instructed to verify the freeboard marking and again in February the Society's Surveyors at Liverpool were similarly instructed, but no opportunity has been given for the Surveyors to examine and verify the freeboard marking. As previously intimated the freeboard certificates cannot be issued until this has

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I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Messrs. W.T. Farris & Co.,

Merchants Quay,

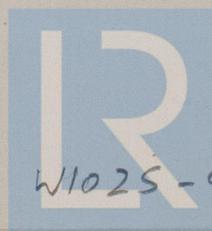
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