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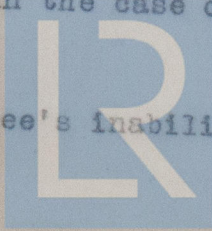
8th January, 1925.

My Lord,

With reference to the interview which Sir Westcott Abell, the Society's Chief Ship Surveyor, had the pleasure of having with your Lordship this morning regarding the date of build of the steamers "BUCKLEIGH" and "CHULMLEIGH" (Messrs. Bartram & Sons, Ltd., Yard Nos. 256 and 257), I beg to acquaint you that the General Committee at their Meeting today had before them a letter from the Builders upon the subject, and that after very full and careful consideration of the case of these vessels the Committee regret that they are unable to depart from the provisions of the Society's Rules, which allow a period of six months from the date of launch.

I may add that under war conditions this six months rule was modified from time to time in accordance with the circumstances of each case, but for some time past the Committee have been endeavouring to bring the practice strictly within the Rule, and they have been compelled to refuse applications in several cases where ships have been laid up for a longer period, as in the case of your Lordship's two vessels.

Regretting the Committee's inability to meet the



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wishes of your Lordship and the Builders in this matter,

I have the honour to be, My Lord,

Your Lordship's Obedient Servant,

Secretary.

The Right Hon. Lord Glanely,  
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