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Managers
urveyed Afloat or in Dry Dock
S.S. "HOUTHANDEL".

The S.S.No.2 due 10,25 has been partly held, and permission was granted the Owners to advance the survey as far as possible and complete it on the vessel's arrival at Kobe, subject to the Antwerp Surveyors being fully satisfied that she was in a fit condition for the voyage to Japan.

Mr. Herbert subsequently reported that certain repairs had been recommended, and that no opportunity had been given him to examine them as had been arranged with the Owners' Superintendent.

The case received the consideration of the Committee recently and is fully stated in Endorsement dated 20/12/26, when the Owners were apprised that the Committee considered the explanation given by them to be unsatisfactory.

In reply the Owners now state they are making very strong remarks to their Superintendent in regard to the case, and express sincere regret for their Superintendent's action in the matter.

They trust that in the circumstances the Committee will defer action in regard to the classification of the vessel until her arrival at Kobe, and desire to be informed that this will be the case.

The case is submitted for the consideration of the Committee.

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