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# Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

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Enclosure.

20th December, 1926.

Dear Sirs,

I duly received your letter of the 16th instant, with its enclosures, respecting the case of your steamer "HOUTHANDEL", the contents of which have been duly noted.

From the contents of your letter, it would appear that you were fully cognisant of the conditions attached to the postponement of the Special Survey No.2, and it must be obvious to your goodselves that if notice had been given to Mr. Herbert of the change in sailing dates, he would have made immediate arrangements specially to attend to examine the repairs. Your explanation regarding the despatch of the ship on the previous evening is therefore considered unsatisfactory by the Committee, especially in view of the appointment made with your Superintendent for an opportunity to be afforded Mr. Herbert to examine the repairs.

I may add that the Society's Surveyors are always ready to attend to urgent cases, either during the ordinary official hours or afterwards, and therefore there should have been no difficulty in arranging for the case to receive attention.

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the repairs said to have been carried out were not submitted

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I return herewith the account for the lifeboat  
which you enclosed in your letter.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Messrs. Armement Gylsen,  
213, Avenue d'Italie,  
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