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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

14th December, 1926.

Enclosure

Dear Sirs,

I duly received your letter of the 11th instant respecting the survey which has recently been held by the Society's Surveyors at Antwerp on your steamer "HOUTHANDEL", and have submitted the same to the Committee at their meeting today.

The Committee have also had before them the report of Mr. Herbert, the Society's Principal Surveyor for Antwerp, and they have found much difficulty in allowing the vessel to retain her classification in view of the fact that the repairs recommended have not been carried out under the inspection and to the satisfaction of the Society's Surveyors.

In consequence of your agreeing to carry out these repairs, a certificate was furnished by the Society's Surveyors at Antwerp, subject to the lifeboat being renewed, the hatch webs and hatch covers repaired and repairs being effected to the fidley top and engine room skylight before the vessel left Antwerp, and she should not have been sent to sea without notice being given to the Surveyors, and without their having been afforded an opportunity of seeing that the repairs had been

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satisfactorily done.

The Committee have deferred action in the matter, but they will be glad to receive from you a further explanation as to why the repairs which you state were carried out in accordance with the recommendations of the Surveyors, were not submitted to their inspection before the vessel left for Japan.

In conclusion, I may remind you that the postponement of the Special Survey No. 2 until the vessel's arrival in Japan was only granted on the definite understanding that the Surveyors were of opinion that the vessel was in a fit condition for the proposed voyage.

I return the charter-party which you enclosed in your letter.

I am, Dear Sirs,
Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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