

EXHIBIT "A".

360 Royal Liver Building,
Liverpool,
17, December 1919.

The Secretary,
Lloyds Register of British and Foreign Shipping,
Fenchurch St.,
London, E. C.

WOODEN MOTOR SCHOONER "ELIZABETH RUTH"
CLASSED 12-A-1. -- Lloyd's.

Dear Sir:

As Managing Agents and Brokers for the Owners-
Messrs. Lever Brothers, Limited- we are much concerned
in respect of the performance of the above named Motor
Schooner which was built at Biloxi, Mississippi, and com-
pleted at Mobile, Ala., U.S.A., early in September, 1918.

You will be aware the vessel left Mobile for
Sydney, N.S., via Panama with a general cargo on board
and put into Havana, Cuba, shortly afterwards, leaking
seriously. Her cargo was discharged, she dry-docked, was
overhauled, reloaded and again proceeded on her voyage.
She reached Colon at the end of last month, and is reported
from there as again being in a leaky state.

When the vessel was purchased, it was conditional
upon her receiving a twelve years' Lloyd's A.1. Class-
ification, which was duly granted.

Particularly upon this assurance, and other satis-
factory information as to the general construction of the
vessel which we were able to give to our Insurance Brokers,
the Underwriters accepted her on a twelve months' policy
at reasonable rates.

Naturally, we are desirous of satisfying both
our Insurance Brokers and Underwriters that every precaution
was taken that the vessel would be able to successfully
carry dry and perishable cargoes, and we shall be glad if
you will favor us with an expression of opinion on the re-
ports which you will doubtless have received from your
American representative with regard to the Certificate of
Classification given her.

We may add that the Master and Chief Engineer were
sent over from England to superintend the completion of
the building, and they reported from time to time most
favorably on the strength and quality of the material used
in the construction.

We await with interest the receipt of your reply,
and remain,

Yours faithfully,
For and on behalf of
HENRY TYRER & CO., LIMITED,
Henry Tyrer,
Governing Director.

(Signed)

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