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Crown Agents for the
Colonies.4, MILLBANK,
WESTMINSTER,
LONDON, S.W.1.

Recd. 19th Jan.

18th January, 1929.

Gentlemen,

I have to refer to your letter of the 19th October, marked "S", on the subject of the classification of the dredger "LADY THOMSON" in your book.

2. A copy of your letter was transmitted to the Government of Nigeria and I enclose for your information a copy of the reply from which you will note that the Nigerian Government does not desire to continue the connection with your Society in respect of any vessels of the Marine Department, which were originally registered with your Society. In this connection I would refer to your letter of the 29th December, also marked "S", on the subject of the bucket dredger "LADY COMBE". The reply from the Colonial Government applies to this case, also to the launch "PENGUIN"; reference to the latter vessel is made in the attached Record Sheet received from your Society which shows an alteration required in respect of Ownership.

3. In view of the ruling conveyed by the Government of Nigeria, it will ^{not} be necessary for you in future to raise questions in regard to the continuation of the classification in respect of the vessels belonging to the Nigerian ~~Government~~ Marine department.

4. In transmitting this decision to you we take the opportunity of expressing our appreciation of your valued services when called upon to assist in the construction of vessels purchased by this Office and to inform you that it in no way affects our present relations with your Society in respect of new vessels built under your Rules to the order of this Office from time to time.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

for Crown Agents.