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Reference

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Dear Mr Cox,

Please forgive my delay in replying to your letter of March 27th, but apart from the fact that since my return I have been kept very busy on the wharf and have had little time in the office I was really waiting to be able to tell you that the many interviews I have had with the Dairen Kisen Kaisha resulted in some good.

I am pleased to say that I have at least been successful in persuading the Managing Director, Mr Y. Masuda, against carrying out his intention of withdrawing the S.S. "MANTATSU-MARU" from the Society's class and have also extracted a promise from him that no more vessels be withdrawn. After yesterday's interview I dispatched the following telegram to you:—"Please do all in power to assist Dairen Kisen Kaisha survey "Mantatsu-Maru" to keep vessel in class writing fully" and I have just received your telegram which reads as follows:—"Mantatsumaru arranging survey with least possible inconvenience to owners"

It seems to me that you ought to know that the Dairen Kisen Kaisha people give as the reason for their attitude that some of the Society's surveyors are too difficult (impossible was the word used by the D.K.K.) to satisfy. Of course the fact is that the D.K.K. really represent the South Manchuria Railway Company who actually govern Manchuria and are in consequence a most independent concern requiring very tactful management and one can imagine how easily a misunderstanding might happen between them and a surveyor unaware of what he was up against.

Diplomacy is not a strong point of mine but I have been long enough in Dairen to realize the power of the S.M.R. Company in Manchuria. I expect to meet the Vice President of the S.M.R. Co. in the course of the next few days and I will take the opportunity of getting some of his views regarding the classing of D.K.K. vessels.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Dairen Kisen Kaisha which I have just received.

Trusting that I may soon be able to write and you that the Dairen Kisen Kaisha are to class their new vessels. With kind regards.