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Willemskade, 11<sup>B</sup>,

Rotterdam, 2nd November 1936.

(Postbox 701.)

Dear Sir,

Communications to be addressed to  
THE SURVEYORS.

I have received your letter of the 29th ult. and London report in connexion with the steering arrangement on board of the motor coaster "ARTHUR TOWN" and have carefully noted the contents.

In reply thereto I beg to state that the sketch of the gear shown on the rudder plan approved at this Port, had been deleted in red as it was not considered a complete proposal and the builders who had fitted this kind of gear in many cases with success, were of opinion that no exception could be taken to this gear and when I found it fitted in between my regular visits to the Yard and after having heard the Builders, I was also of opinion that for this size of vessel it would fully answer the purpose, the shafting and fittings being strong.

I recommended a spare tiller to be supplied that could be attached to the crosshead on the rudder, and to supply relieving tackles, but I regret to say that I overlooked the fact that the main gear had to be disconnected to fit the spare tiller in place without an efficient locking brake.

It is the first time that a similar gear was fitted on board of a coasting vessel classed with our Society in Holland, but as already said the Builders had fitted this gear in previous cases with reported success.

I have tested the gear at the yard and under full trials on the New Waterway and the steering was very easy so that I was satisfied, all this was done in the presence of Pilot, Master and Owner and I feel very sorry

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and its controls, and rendering steering difficult.

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that trouble appears to have been experienced at sea in loaded condition, which as mentioned in the London report, might have been caused by the undesirable buoyancy of the Patent Rudder, whereby distortion in the gear was created.

The various points I beg to assure, will have my full attention in any future case.

I am, Dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,

*J. v. Herwerden*

The Secretary.

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also for Mr. Spinks to note.

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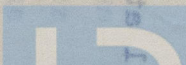
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