

DAVID ALEXANDER & SONS,  
JAMES P. ALEXANDER.

STEAMSHIP OWNERS AND BROKERS,  
IRON ORE IMPORTERS.

TELEPHONES:  
GLASGOW CENTRAL 3435 (3 LINES).  
TELEGRAMS: "WELLDECK, GLASGOW."  
CODE:  
SCOTT'S TENTH (1906) EDITION.

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95, Bothwell Street,  
Glasgow, 29th March, 1935.  
c.2. Friday.

The Secretary,  
Lloyd's Register of Shipping,  
71, Fenchurch Street,  
LONDON,  
E.C.3.

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Dear Sir,

s.s. "OAKGROVE"

We have received your letter of the 26th inst., and regret to note therefrom that it is the intention of your Committee to expunge the Class of the above steamer with a Red Line - indicating non-compliance with the Society Rules.

Our intention to Class the ship with Lloyds was quite clear, as we had already started the Survey in Immingham in July of last year, when the outer bottom, anchors and cables, rudder and sea-cocks were passed. We again called in your Surveyors at Middlesbrough on the 23rd of January, inside our year of grace. *one week*

For your Middlesbrough Surveyor to ask to have the ship scaled throughout before making any recommendations, was a severity we did not anticipate, and had we withdrawn the steamer then from Class she would only have had three Black Dots placed against her. Unfortunately, as we gave the scaling question our most careful consideration, which took us over our year of grace, namely until the 15th of March, when we advised your Newcastle House of our decision, we are being very heavily penalised by having a Red Line

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The Secretary, Lloyd's Register of Shipping, London.

drawn through our Class.

It seems very unfair to us to incur this as a result of a mistake in the matter of procedure because we did not withdraw within our year of grace.

Might we point out to you that any prospective Charterer of Buyer seeing the Red Line against the ship in Lloyd's Register might interpret it as a reflection on the seaworthiness of the ship. Might we also mention that our letter of withdrawal was dated 15th March, and the meeting of your Committee was not until the 26th March. Therefore to our mind the decision of your Committee does not adhere to your own regulations, which state that if a vessel is withdrawn at Owners request, she is allotted three Black Dots. It does not specify within her year of grace.

We shall be very much obliged, therefore, if you would put this letter before your Committee with a view to getting them to reconsider their decision.

Yours truly,

*David Alexander & Sons*



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Also for Mr. ...  
Mr. ...  
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Mr. ...

Referred to the Chief Ship Surveyor,  
and the Chief Engineer Surveyor.

Also for Mr. Carey to note  
also for Mr. Spinks to note.

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Yours truly,  
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that it is agreed to withdraw the regulations, which are

Committee does not appear to have any objection, which are

the 20th March. Therefore the decision of your

dated 12th March, and the meeting of your Committee was not

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W. H. ...

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