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Reference: ARCJ/VJ.

Dear Sirs,

S. I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, regarding the decision of the Committee of this Society to expunge from the Register Book with a red line the classes of your motor barges "BEATRICE HOPE" and "EVELYN HOPE" and to acquaint you that your remarks were read to the Committee at their Meeting to-day.

With reference to the first paragraph of your letter, I am directed to say that in view of the Annual Survey of the engines of the barges being already overdue, the only condition upon which the Committee will be prepared to allow the classification to remain is that the vessels must not be employed in any way until the engines have been submitted for the necessary survey by the Society's Surveyors, and if you are prepared to give an undertaking to this effect, I shall be glad to hear from you on the subject in course of post, failing which the Committee regret there will be no alternative but for the decision conveyed to you in my letter of the 10th instant to be at once acted upon.

Messrs. The Hope Lighterage Co. Ltd.,
BRENTFORD, Middlesex.

I am, Dear Sirs,
Yours faithfully,

Assistant to the Secretary.

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