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71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.

8th December, 1903.

Gentlemen,

H. I am in receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant respecting the steamer "BARTON", and having submitted the same to the Committee at their Meeting to-day, I am directed to acquaint you that, in the circumstances, action has been deferred for the present pending the receipt of the further information promised by the Owners.

I shall therefore be glad if you will inform the Owners accordingly, and at the same time point out to them that the year of grace allowed by the Rules for the Special Survey No.1 of the steamer "IRLAM" has now expired, and that arrangements should be made for this survey to be carried out if the vessel is to retain her class.

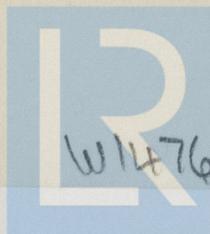
I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Secretary

The Surveyors,

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