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5th June, 1917.

Dear Sir,

I am favoured with your letter of the 1st instant, with reference to the proposal to submit the Transport "DIYATALAWA", ex "RAPPENFELS", for survey with a view to classification in the Society's Register Book, provided it would not delay the vessel or be specially drastic or costly, and I need not say that the Committee would be very pleased to authorise the Society's Surveyors to undertake the survey desired.

In the ordinary way it would be necessary for the particulars and scantlings of the vessel to be obtained from the midship section and longitudinal plan, and as the plans will doubtless not be available in the case of this prize steamer, such details would require to be taken from the vessel herself, with a view to its being ascertained whether the scantlings and arrangements adopted in the construction of the hull, machinery and boilers are equivalent to the Society's standard. The vessel would then require to be submitted for the Special Survey No.2 prescribed by the Rules; and Section 48, of which I enclose an extract, dealing with vessels not built under survey, would have to be complied with.

The fee to be charged for the survey for classification of the steamer would amount to, say one hundred guineas, (£105.0.0.).

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In the event of your considering it to be impracticable at the present time to put the steamer through a complete survey for classification, I think it well to mention that the Committee some little time ago had under consideration the case of a number of enemy vessels seized in Portuguese Ports, and allocated to the British Government, which were classed only in the Germanischer Lloyd, and in the case of which it was considered that time was too valuable just at present to admit of submitting the steamers for the full survey for classification in Lloyd's Register.

In these cases, the Committee decided that in order to meet the exceptional circumstances during the period of the War, and while vessels are controlled by the British Government, the Society's Surveyors would be authorised to survey the steamers in question with a view to their condition being ascertained, and, if found satisfactory, to a note being inserted in the Register Book as follows:

G. L. with date of survey

(See footnote).

The footnote would read:- "This vessel, which was classed in the Germanischer Lloyd, has now been surveyed by the Surveyors to Lloyd's Register."

The course suggested has been adopted in several cases and it occurs to me that as time is no doubt of importance to you, the above course may commend itself to you for adoption, in the case of the steamer "DIYATALAWA". Perhaps you would

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kindly let me know what you decide in the matter, so that the Society's Surveyors may be communicated with, in order that they may give the case prompt attention.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

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