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Lloyd's Register of British & Foreign Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.

19th January, 1909.

Gentlemen,

I duly received your letter of the 15th instant, with reference to the date of build of the steamer "ESPERANTO", your Report No. 20695, and with regard thereto I have to request you will be good enough to inform Messrs. Cochrane & Sons, the Builders, that the Society's Surveyors report that the last date upon which they held a survey on this vessel was the 18th December, and they will therefore see that it would be contrary to the Society's Rules to record on the certificate of classification the date 1909 as that of the vessel's build.

As you are aware the date of the last survey requires to be taken as the date of build in accordance with Section 7 on page 34 of the Rules.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Secretary to the
Classification Committee.

The Surveyors,

HULL.



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