

CHAIRMAN

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11th December, 1924.

Dear Mr. Dalgliesh,

s.s. "QUEENWORTH".

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, addressed to the Chairman and Committee of this Society, in further reference to the date of build of this vessel.

Mr. Scrutton, our Chairman, desires me to say that in writing to you on the 9th instant he had not before him the case of the s.s. "MALISTAN" to which you call attention. In this case it must be admitted that the six months rule was relaxed, but the ship was still in the hands of the builders and was subjected to a very thorough examination before the later date of build was assigned to her.

Under war conditions this six months rule was modified from time to time in accordance with the circumstances of each case, but for some time past we have been endeavouring to bring the practice strictly within the rule, and we have refused several cases where ships were only laid up in consequence of the freight market.

The Committee, however, felt on reconsidering the matter today that there is a certain hardship in your case

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in consequence of your steamer having been completed within such a short time of launching, and they are therefore prepared, if it will meet your difficulty, to permit you to surrender the certificates and to make application later on, when you wish to use the ship, for a later date of build (not exceeding six months from the date of launch), subject to such an examination as has been made in similar cases.

Yours faithfully,

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