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Chairman.

9th December, 1924.

Dear Mr. Dalgliesh,

S.S. "QUEENWORTH".

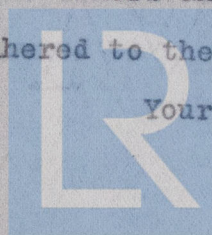
I am in receipt of your letters of the 5th and 8th instant. I think you will agree with me that there must be a Rule, and that, in justice to all owners, the Rule must be observed. We have no control over the date at which an owner completes his ship, but we protect the position of undue delay by fixing six months after launch as the date of build.

On the other hand, when an owner does complete his ship, and certificates are issued, I do not see (nor did the Committee see when I put it to them) how we can avoid giving the date of the certificate as the date of build.

I can assure you it is not a question of wishing to refuse you, or of giving anybody else preferential treatment, and I am very sorry that you should consider the point of sufficient importance to think of severing a connection which has existed for so long. It is not the first request of this kind that we have had, and in each case where the ship has been completed and taken over by the owners and the certificate issued, the Committee have adhered to the Rule.

Yours faithfully,

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