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4th December, 1924.

Dear Mr. Dalgliesh,

S.S. "QUEENWORTH".

In further reference to your letter of the 1st instant, I beg to acquaint you that the Chairman brought the question of the date of build of this vessel before the General Committee at their Meeting today, when the subject was discussed at considerable length.

The Committee fully appreciate your point of view and would be only too pleased if they could, consistently with the Society's Rules, meet you in the matter; but the Rule regulating the date of build must be based upon some principle, and after careful consideration the Committee came to the conclusion that the principle of the Rule is sound.

While it is very difficult to devise any Rule which is not open to some objection, I may say that the Society's Rule has worked quite satisfactorily for a long period of years, and been accepted by shipowners and shipbuilders generally as fair and reasonable, and on the whole the best Rule that can be devised.

In these circumstances, the Committee, while anxious to meet your wishes in the matter, do not see how they can

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depart from a principle which they consider is sound.

In order to avoid the possibility of any misunderstanding, the Committee desire me to point out that the Society's Rule is not so wide in its application as you interpret it in your letter of the 1st instant. The principle of the Rule is that the date of completion of a vessel shall be taken as the date of build, unless the date of completion is extended beyond six months from the date of launch, and that in the latter case (no matter how much later the vessel is completed) the date of build shall be reckoned as six months from the date of launch.

I hope that this makes the matter quite clear, and that after a full consideration of all the circumstances you will agree with the Committee's decision.

Yours faithfully,

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