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# Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

15th December, 1922.

Dear Sirs,

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I am in receipt of Mr. Gwynne's letter of the 13th instant, in further reference to the equipment of the steamer "MAID OF ATHENS", and have to acquaint you that the circumstances have been carefully considered by the Committee to-day and that with a view to meeting the Owners in the matter the figure "1" has been assigned in the vessel's classification subject to 45 fathoms of properly tested cable ( $1\frac{8}{16}$ ) being placed on board at the earliest opportunity.

I have, however, to add that the Committee regret to note the misunderstanding which appears to have arisen between yourselves and the Owners in this case and that it is not understood why the Owners' attention was not immediately directed to the terms of my letter of the 29th September on the subject, as it is felt that if this had been done promptly the present situation would have been avoided.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Assistant to the Secretary.

The Surveyors,

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they done so, the equipment would have been