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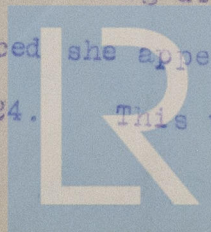
LONDON

Dear Mr. Scrutton,

I hope you will excuse me taking this matter up with you, but I feel placed in rather an awkward position.

Sir John Ellerman was having a fine new steamer built on the East Coast, the "CITY OF MANDALAY", by Messrs. Swan Hunter & Wigham Richardson Ltd., This vessel was just completing her build at the end of December and Sir John Ellerman asked me to arrange to have her taken over in January 1925. With a good deal of correspondence on the subject between the Builders, myself and the Registrar here, I had everything, as I thought, satisfactorily arranged, and we took the vessel over in 1925, and this date appears on her Certificate of Registry.

On my attention being drawn to an entry in Lloyd's Daily Index, I noticed she appeared under the head of "Year of Build" as 1924. This was exceedingly disappointing/



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disappointing, and I immediately addressed a letter to the Secretary, Lloyd's, London, and was very sorry to have Mr. Devereux's reply indicating that no alteration could be made, as according to Lloyd's Register, the year of build is given as 1924.

I would have thought it was only a reasonable demand on my part, that as we only took the ship over in 1925, the year of build should be given as that, and I notice in a Publication "Lloyd's Register of Shipping - The Register Book" being a Lecture delivered at <sup>\*</sup>Gresham College by Mr. F. A. Mayne, Assistant to the Secretary, there is a clause on page 23 under the head of "Date of Build" which reads:-

"The date of build in vessels holding the Society's Classification is that of the vessel's completion, when this occurs within six months of the date of launch etc., etc.,"

As my application was made within six months from the date of steamer's launch, I think it was only a reasonable request.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly have enquiries made into the matter, and perhaps you can see your way to give instructions to have the year altered from 1924 to 1925.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

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