

DRAFT LETTER TO COMMANDER WARDROP.

Dear Sir,

S.S. "GARDENGA".

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th April last which has now received the consideration of the Committee.

While much regretting the position in which your Company finds itself owing to the <sup>alleged</sup> unsuitability of this vessel for the purpose for which they had acquired her, the Committee direct me to point out that the classification work which the Society was called upon to do in connexion with the vessel appears to have been satisfactorily carried out, and that it is no part of the functions of this Society, as a Classification Society, to ensure, or even to express any view as to, the suitability of any particular vessel for a particular purpose.

In these circumstances the Committee are unable to assent to your suggestion that the Society should bear any part of the loss which your Company has sustained.

I am, Dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,



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