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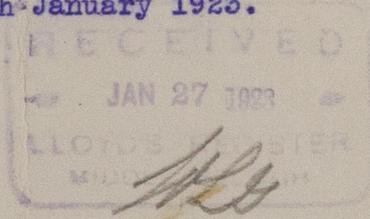
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FURNESS SHIPBUILDING CO., LIMITED,  
HAVERTON HILL-ON-TEES.

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26th January 1923.



Lloyd's Register of Shipping.  
Lloyd's Bank Chambers.  
MIDDLESBROUGH.

Dear Sirs,

S.S. "LONDON MERCHANT" - NO. 19.

In confirmation of telephone conversation exchanged with you yesterday and this morning, kindly note the Owners are particularly desirous of obtaining your Committee's approval of the date of build of this vessel as 1923. She was launched in November 1921, but owing to unavoidable labour troubles, etc., the installation of her machinery has been very much delayed.

In the normal course, under paragraph 7 of your General Regulations, her date of build would automatically become 1922, but as she is not even yet handed over to her Owners, and as she has, in the meantime, had special maintenance attention given to her, the Owners consider they are entitled to date of build being taken as 1923. We believe representations will probably be made by them direct to your Head Office regarding this matter.

Yours faithfully,  
For FURNESS SHIPBUILDING CO., LTD.  
Managing Director.

