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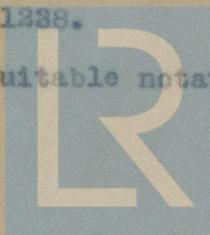
25th May 1916.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th instant forwarding a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Ball, of the Northwest Steel Co., of Portland, together with copies of the plans approved by you for the four steamers 410 ft. long to be built by his Firm, and have to acquaint you that in view of the proposal to dispense with the intermediate bulkheads in the forward and after holds the case received the consideration of the General Committee at their Meeting to-day.

With regard thereto I am directed to state that in the circumstances the special survey of the vessels during construction may be proceeded with, but that before they are finally classed in the Register Book it will be necessary for a letter to be received from the Owners of the vessels desiring the omission of these bulkheads and assigning a reason for such omission in accordance with the terms of the Committee's Circular No. 1338.

If this be done a suitable notation will be made



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in the Register Book in respect of the omission of the
bulkheads.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

James French, Esq.†

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