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22nd September, 1904.

Gentlemen,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date enclosing one from Messrs. Sir W.G. Armstrong, Whitworth & Co., Lim., respecting the case of the steamer "MATOPPO".

In accordance with the Builders' request, I enclose herewith the classification certificates for this vessel. The freeboard certificates were sent yesterday.

I think it well to enclose for your information a copy of a letter which I have this day addressed to the Bucknall Steamship Lines, Lim., in reply to one received from them regarding the record of the vessel in Lloyd's Register Book. You will notice that in the circumstances no entry will be made in the Register Book of the fact that the vessel has previously been recorded therein under the name of "LADY STRATHCONA", and **further that** the Committee have decided to enter the vessel's having been completed in May, 1904, i.e. six months after the date of launch, provided she be now surveyed by the Society's Surveyors and favourably reported upon.

I understand that the vessel is about to be

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docked on the Tyne and I shall be glad if you will arrange to inspect the vessel and forward the necessary report for the Committee's information.

As therefore it is probable that the date of build to be recorded on the certificate of classification will require to be amended at an early date, it has not been thought necessary to send at the present time the usual full first entry certificate of class bearing a copy of the midship section.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Secretary.

The Surveyors,

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.



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