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22nd September, 1904.

Dear Sirs,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date referring to the case of the steamer "MATOPPO", which vessel is at present recorded in Lloyd's Register Book under the name of "LADY STRATHCONA".

Your letter has been laid before the General Committee at their meeting today, and I am directed to say that as the vessel has not been registered at the Custom House under the name of "LADY STRATHCONA", and as you are the first Owners of the steamer, the Committee have given instructions that the vessel shall be entered in the Society's Register Book under the name of "MATOPPO" without any reference to the fact that she has been previously recorded under the name of "LADY STRATHCONA".

As regards the question which you raise as to the date of build to be recorded in the Register Book for the vessel, I have to say that the Committee regret they are precluded by the Society's Rules from acceding to your wish that the vessel should be entered as having been completed at the present time. The paragraph of the Society's Rules bearing upon the point will be found at

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