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11th January, 1917.

Dear Mr.Hand,

Mr.Lyle, one of the Barry Surveyors, has written to Mr.Champness - who unfortunately is at present ill - regarding the case of the steamer "OHIO", now undergoing Special Survey No. 1 there.

Mr.Lyle points out that the boiler recess bulkhead has no wood sheathing fitted, the vessel having evidently left the builders' yard without this being done. He has taken the matter up with Messrs.Plisson's Superintendent, who objects to fitting the wood sheathing as the vessel was classed without it. It appears that the question of the lining of the donkey boiler bulkheads was raised by the Havre Surveyors in December, 1915, in connexion with the steamer "OMNIUM" ex "MARNE", a similar vessel to the "OHIO", and the Surveyors were informed that wood lining should be fitted to the bulkhead of the donkey boiler recess. The "OHIO" was built prior to the "OMNIUM", and in the circumstances the Barry Surveyors have asked what course they are to adopt. They have been requested, in reply, to communicate with you with a view to your consulting with the Owners, so that arrangements may be made for the lining being fitted as arranged for in the case of the

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"OMNIUM", and I shall be much obliged if you will kindly take the matter up.

Yours faithfully,

Henry Hand, Esq.,

CARDIFF.



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