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20th September, 1923.

Dear Captain Westcott,

The Chairman of Classification brought under the notice of the General Committee to-day the case of the steamer "GULF OF SUEZ" as he promised yesterday, and the whole matter was very carefully considered, and you have no doubt received my telephone message that the Committee much regret that they cannot agree to the proposal to send the vessel another voyage before passing the Special Survey No. 1.

I may say that we wired the result to our Office at Liverpool immediately after the Meeting, so that Mr. Graham Smith might have the earliest possible advice in the matter.

I take the opportunity to return Mr. Graham Smith's letter dated 18th instant addressed to you on the subject.

Your suggestion that another 18 inches should be added to the vessel's freeboard for the voyage was duly submitted to the Committee, but apparently did not modify their views.

Yours faithfully,

Captain J. R. Westcott,
5, Fenchurch Street



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