

COPY of a letter dated 8th, received 10th April, 1915, from
James Currie & Co., of Leith.

M.4201.

9th April, 1915.

The Secretary,
Lloyd's Register of Shipping,
71, Fenchurch Street,
London, E.C.

Dear Sir,

We have your favour of the 8th inst. reference "H" regarding
the "DWINA". This steamer is at present under a time charter which
will not expire before the end of June and we are therefore unwilling
to disturb the steamer before then.

In regard to this steamer and to others of our fleet,
particularly the "STETTIN", "SCALPA" and "STAPPA" which are now due
for their No.3 Survey, owing to the great scarcity of men and drydocks
owing to the Government requirements in connection with the war, an
overhaul is at present a very serious undertaking, and we should be
glad to know whether your Committee could see their way to let these
steamers run on in the meantime. Of course our engineers would keep
in touch with your surveyors and see that the boats were kept up to
the necessary requirements for safety. If such an arrangement as we
have indicated could be made it would be a considerable convenience
to us.

Our s.s. "VIENNA" is also due for her No.3 Survey this year,
but this boat is at present detained in Hamburg and will not of
course be available until after the termination of the war.

Yours truly,