

ENCLOSURES.

29th September, 1944.

Dear Sirs,

With reference to your letter of the 28th ultimo and to the resulting telephonic conversation with Mr. Scarlatos of the 29th ultimo respecting the steamer "IONIA", I beg to enclose, for your information, a copy of a communication with its enclosures which has to-day come to hand from the Society's Surveyors at Alexandria on the subject of survey and Load Line requirements in this case and that of the S.S. "CORINTHIA".

With regard thereto I have to say that whilst the vessels ~~remain~~ in service as Royal Hellenic Navy Auxiliaries it is not proposed to apply the Society's Rules for Periodical Surveys for class maintenance or the terms of the ~~Merchant Shipping Act~~ as regards Load Line, full classification being maintained in the Register Book in the meantime.

I may say that these cases appear to be parallel to those of vessels commissioned for service with the British Admiralty in which the same principle as regards survey and Load Line requirements is applied during the period of Commissioned Naval Service. It is noted, however, that up to the present in the cases of the "CORINTHIA" and "IONIA", periodical surveys for classification and Load Line maintenance have in fact been regularly carried out, and if it is desired to submit the vessels to the inspection of the Society's Surveyors I shall be pleased to arrange accordingly at your request.

I am, Dear Sirs,
Yours faithfully,

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Clerk to the
Classification Committee.

P.S. Since writing the above your letter of the 28th instant has come to hand and cabled instructions have accordingly been sent to Alexandria as per copy enclosed.

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