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A. Scott, Esq.,
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Dear Mr. Scott:-

I have written to you officially to-day regarding the withdrawal from classification of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha steamer "Chosen Maru", and as this is a somewhat unusual case I think it is better to give you some further information privately.

Mr. T. Z. Nakane, who signed the letter, is an active supporter of the Teikoku Kaiji Kyokai and the letter was written at a time when that Society was very active in many directions, endeavouring to oppose the steps we were taking in regard to a committee in Japan.

From Mr. Nakane's letter you will probably conclude that it has not been written solely in the interests of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, and may have been partly composed by Mr. Perris, who was in Osaka on that date. For this reason I do not think it need be taken as a true indication of the intentions of the O.S.K. and in my reply to Mr. Nakane, a copy of which I enclose, I dealt with it accordingly.

Mr. French and I were in Osaka interviewing Mr. Hori, in connection with the Committee shortly after receiving the let-

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ter but as the steamer was already being surveyed for classifica-
tion by the T.K.K. and by the British Corporation at the time
Mr. Nakane's letter was written, we considered it advisable not to
make an issue of this case.

Mr. Hori, President of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, and
Captain Ohta, one of the Directors, are now members of our Commit-
tee and this will no doubt influence future action of this kind.
However, I shall make a point of seeing Mr. Nakane in the near
future and endeavour to persuade him to temper his actions with
mercy, since we are evidently trying to do our best for Japan.

With kind regards.

Yours faithfully,

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