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4th June, 1924.

Dear Mr. Leathard,

I was duly favoured with your letter of the 28th ultimo on the subject of the classification of Messrs. Neale & West's fleet of trawlers, and feel much obliged to you for the full and very interesting account you have given of your interview with the members of the family of Neale, who constitute the Firm.

It is most satisfactory to know that the withdrawal of the class of the "KODAMA" is not due to any prejudice against the Society or to any proposal to transfer her to another classification.

You have, of course, been fully informed of the circumstances to which the Owners referred when speaking of their new trawlers being built by Smith's Dock, and I am very sorry that Messrs. Neale have got the impression that they were not met by the Society in the way they consider they should have been.

However, in view of the very friendly relations which you seem to have established with Messrs. Neale, I hope that confidence will be restored, and you will have a satisfactory interview with Mr. Reed of Smith's Dock on the occasion of his next visit to Cardiff to call upon the Owners.

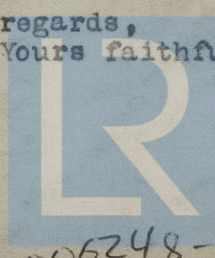
I may add that in view of the importance of this matter, the Secretary shewed your letter to the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, and it was of course also read by Sir Westcott Abell and Mr. Ruck Keene.

We shall be very glad to hear any further news you may be able to obtain.

With kindest regards,

Yours faithfully,

T.S. Leathard, Esq.,  
CARDIFF.



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