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71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

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Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, enclosing a further communication you have received from the Ministère de la Marine regarding the classification in the Register Book of the steam trawlers "ANNIBAL" and "HEROS", and I may say that your letter reached this Office after the General Committee of the Society had had the cases of these two vessels under consideration, and in the circumstances had decided to expunge the classes of the trawlers with a red line, indicating non-compliance with the Society's Rules.

I note that you say that the French Government have agreed to acquaint intending purchasers of the conditions of the classification of these vessels, but I may point out that in the letter from the Ministère de la Marine he states:- "Je suis dispose a informer les acheteurs de ANNIBAL et HEROS", which I take to mean that he will inform the purchasers (not the intending purchasers). The purpose of the Committee in attaching this condition is to ensure that before any sale of the vessels actually takes place, people who are thinking of purchasing them should be informed of their position as regards classification, and not that the information shall be conveyed to them after the sale, and in the circumstances I shall be glad if you will take

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the matter up further with the Ministere de la Marine and obtain from him a letter in the requisite terms, if it is desired by the French Government that the trawlers shall retain their classes until after the sale.

As the new edition of the Register Book is at the present time in the hands of the printers I shall be glad to have your reply in the course of the next few days.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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