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71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

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~~29th~~ March, 1921.

Dear Sir,

With reference to my letter of today's date, enclosing one addressed to the Ministère de la Marine regarding the steamer "CALIFORNIA", I have at the same time to state that the Committee had before them yesterday your letter of the 8th instant respecting the steam trawlers "ANNIBAL" and "HEROS".

The Committee note the statement made to you by an Official of the Ministry that they will inform prospective buyers if desired by them of the position of the vessels as regards their classification.

This statement, however, is of course not in accordance with the conditions which the Committee require to be fulfilled in the cases of vessels which are laid up and also which are overdue for survey, namely - that intending purchasers will be informed that the classification of the steamers is allowed to remain undisturbed while they are laid up subject to the necessary surveys and repairs taking place before the vessels proceed to sea.

In the circumstances, the Committee do not see

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how they can agree to the trawlers "ANNIBAL" and "HEROS" retaining their classification unless the Ministry are prepared to give such instructions as will ensure that intending buyers will be informed of the above conditions, and it is considered that it would be well for you, when transmitting to the Ministry the letter regarding the steamer "CALIFORNIA", also to refer to the cases of the trawlers "ANNIBAL" and "HEROS", with a view to obtaining from the Ministry the requisite undertaking.

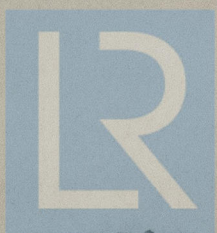
I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

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