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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING,

Bank Chambers,
2, Finsbury Street,
LONDON.

PERSONAL

August 23rd, 1920.

Dear Mr. Haynes,

I have written officially regarding the withdrawing from class of the Wm. Grant & Sons and Grant Baker Fleet of Trawlers, and I may add for your own information that I have interviewed Mr. Sutton, the Manager of these Companies, who does not want them withdrawn, but Mr. Grant (who is a Fisherman and an old man & is Chairman of some local Insurance Co. for Fishing vessels and a man who does some strange things) seems to be hurt, or thinks he is, through a survey which was held in Southampton re. a re-conditioning survey. The survey was held there and then the old gentleman took a lump sum from the Admiralty and did nothing, and seems to think that our Colleagues also did nothing, which was not the case. There no use trying to convince him; he won't consider the matter. He is doing this against the wishes of Mr. Sutton, who assured me that he had done all in his power to get Mr. Grant to reconsider the matter, but had failed. Personally, I consider it only a matter of time before they will be asking for the reclassing of these vessels. As Hope you don't mind me writing you on the subject, but did not want to write officially so fully.

Kind regards,
Yours faithfully,

(signed) WM. GORDON MINCHIN.



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