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7, Gracechurch Street,

LONDON.

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24th. April, 1918.

Dear Sir Thomas Storey,

I enclose copy of letter dated March 30th. which we have received from Mr. Ord, Manager of our San Francisco friends Marine Insurance Department, also of his letter of March 21st. to Mr. J.S.Blackett, Lloyd's Surveyor at San Francisco.

These letters are self-explanatory, and in sending them I must ask you to treat them in a strictly confidential sense. The Shipbuilding industry on the Pacific Coast has developed so rapidly that I am not surprised to hear of cases of indifferent workmanship, indeed I anticipated that such cases would be more frequent, and also more serious than we have so far heard of.

If you have any information bearing on the matters to which Mr. Ord refers, I shall be much obliged if you will let me know.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Robert Balfour.

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