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27th April, 1923.

The Secretary,  
LONDON.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 26th inst, concerning fresh freeboard certificates for S.S. "RINA" and S.S. "VENA", we beg to inform you that when these steamers became the property of the London and South Western Railway last September we called at the Docks Office regarding the Special Survey No. 2 due on both vessels and we were informed that the class would not be maintained and that the Board of Trade Surveyors would do all that was required.

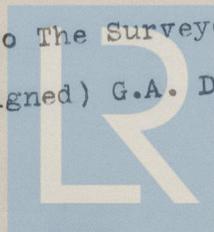
They were asked to confirm this in writing but they evidently have not done so.

On calling today the Marine Superintendent states that the class is not to be continued. As both Special Surveys No. 2 are considerably overdue on both vessels we await instructions before proceeding with the verification of freeboard.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

pro The Surveyors.  
(Signed) G.A. DRYDEN TOYNE.



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