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CHESAPEAKE & OHIO RAILROAD TERMINAL BUILDING

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August 20th, 1928.

The Secretary,
Lloyd's Register of Shipping,
71, Fenchurch Street,
London, England.



Dear Sir:-

In March of this year the S/S "ROMA" No. 82596 in the Register Book was docked at the works of the Newport News S.B. & D.D. Co., for damage repairs and dry docking. From the information obtainable, the yard people prepared a certain length of blocking and cribbing to accommodate this vessel. On dry docking the vessel and upon examination when the dock was pumped out, it was observed by the dry dock Co., that this vessel had not taken up the length of blocking arranged for her.

The dry dock people measured this vessel and found the length from the fore side of the stem to the after side of stern post to be 662'-7". It will be seen therefore, that there is quite some discrepancy between the length given and that in the Register Book. This length has not been verified by me, as the matter was not brought to my attention until sometime afterwards. Under the circumstances, it is thought that this matter is of sufficient interest to warrant further investigation, and it is respectfully submitted that, upon the first suitable dry docking, arrangements be made to check over the length of this vessel.

I would like you to consider this letter quite unofficial, as the figures given are not mine, and it is thought this matter may be dealt with more diplomatically through your office. This little matter was taken up with Mr. French during his recent visit here, and it is at his suggestion that I am writing you direct. A copy of this letter has been forwarded to Mr. French.

Yours faithfully,

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