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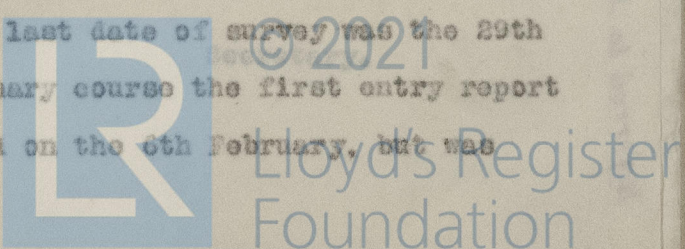
Dear Sirs,

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With reference to recent correspondence regarding your first-entry report No. 18506 on the steamer "PERLA", I have to call your attention to the circumstance that inconvenience has been occasioned owing to the delay which took place in forwarding your report, and owing to the vessel not having been examined by you when she was placed in dry dock on the afternoon of the 11th January.

As regards the first point I have to say that it is particularly important in the case of vessels owned in Italy, and, indeed, in the case of all vessels owned abroad, that the certificates of classification should be issued with the least possible delay after the completion of the survey, in order that the owners may be assisted in making arrangements with the Government Officials of the country to which the vessel belongs.

In the present instance your letter of the 13th instant states that the last date of survey was the 29th January, and in the ordinary course the first entry report would have been forwarded on the 6th February, but was



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delayed owing to the Registro Italiano Surveyor being unable to give you particulars of his fees. As the last date of survey was 29th January, the writing of the first entry report should have been sufficiently forward to enable you to complete the report within a day or two, and any question as regards fees should have been raised and settled some time before the date of completion of the vessel, as it is obviously no reply to a complaint by the owners of delay that the Registro Italiano Surveyor was unable to give you particulars of the fees.

It is further to be regretted that arrangements were not made by you to be present at the dry-docking of the vessel on the 11th January, even at some inconvenience, and if this had been done the Consular Certificate which you issued would have been accepted without further question.

I shall therefore be glad if Mr. McNab, the Principal Surveyor of the port, will kindly make such arrangements as will avoid any similar delay and inconvenience in future cases.

I am, Dear Sirs,
Yours faithfully,

The Surveyors,
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