

DRAFT LETTER.

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To: Jack Toyne, Esq.
Date: 4/6/53

Dear Jack,

NAMES OF VESSELS.

① Thank you very much for your letter letting me know so clearly the position with regard to these craft, which I appreciate very much.

X ② You will understand that, from the point of view of Lloyd's Register, this incident is quite upsetting out of all proportion to the actual work involved in surveying the craft. I believe it is an unique occurrence for vessels in this Country - certainly for vessels in the ownership of a Harbour Authority - to be transferred away from Lloyd's Register to the Bureau Veritas, and so much so that I am wondering ~~whether it could not be seriously re-considered.~~

I fancy that you and Donald Carter would carry a great deal, if not most, of the weight in the decisions on these sort of subjects with your fellow Commissioners and I am wondering whether I cannot ask you to consider whether there are not very good reasons - at least as strong as the personal ones which have led to the change - when, all things considered, it would be better for Lloyd's Register to have the care of these craft.

If I did not feel very strongly about this I would not put it forward to you.

I am meantime going on the Continent for Lloyd's Register for some weeks and shall be gone before there is a chance of your replying to this letter but, if the Commissioners did feel inclined to have second thoughts on the matter, these could doubtless be communicated to Lloyd's Register through the usual channels without reference to our correspondence together.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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