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Dear Sir,

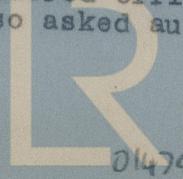
I thank you for your letter of the 17th January giving us some further particulars about the case of the s.s. "ALIWAL". I note that it is now your opinion that legal proceedings are unlikely to be taken. You will be interested to know that Dr. Solda of the R.I. was rather surprised and disturbed to learn of the facts of this case. As a result of his discussion with Mr. Mavor Dr. Solda sent a cable to the R.I. representative at Durban requesting him to withdraw at once the provisional classification certificate issued for the voyage to Cape Town.

The facts of the case as known to Dr. Solda before his discussion with Mr. Mavor were as follows:

"Their Durban representatives wrote stating that the owners had requested classification of the ship with Registro Italiano and that it was proposed to bring the ship from Durban to Cape Town at which latter port the classification survey and repairs would be done, but that certain repairs would be necessary prior to leaving Durban before a provisional certificate could be issued for the voyage Durban to Cape Town.

Registro Italiano cabled their representative that this would be in order provided the necessary repairs were carried out at Durban to allow the ship to proceed to Cape Town for full classification survey and also asked their representative to forward reports.

The R.I. representative then replied that certain repairs to rudder and steering gear and temporary repairs to D.B. tanks, forecastle deck had been completed and the main engines and boilers examined and that the ship was considered efficient for the voyage to Cape Town and also asked authorisation to issue a certificate.



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On receiving this information Registro Italiano Head Office in Genoa authorised the issue of a certificate for the voyage Durban to Cape Town provided a special survey for classification was held on arrival at Cape Town."

No report on the survey held at Durban has so far been received at the R.I. Head Office and Dr. Solde has promised to keep Mr. Mavor informed of any further developments in the case.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Executive.

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