

THORBURN, BROTHERS.

White Lion Court,

62, Cornhill,

London February 12th 1880.
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To: The Secretary,
to Lloyds Registry.

Dear Sir,

On 30th ultimo we wrote and asked you to be so good as withhold the entry of our Brig "Ione" in Lloyds Book, as we intended having the vessel thoroughly salted at Cardiff before starting in her outward cargo, with the object of supplying a desirable requisite, and with the view of securing the additional class of two years; and, we also mentioned, at same time, our intention of making a special application to the Committee of Lloyds with respect to the date of classification, in consequence of the unusual circumstances attending the construction and final completion of the vessel. As you may be aware, from the reports and records in the Registry Office, the Brig was built at Cork, by the City of Cork Steam Packet Co., under special survey, and launched in October, 1877. It was only, however, in November last that she was sold to us, after a very careful examination by a practical man - His report was all that could

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be desired, and the writer also satisfied himself by personal inspection of the high character of the vessel. She was subsequently fitted out at Passage West, Cork, in exceptionally good style; under the superintendence of her present Master, and, as you are aware, under regular official inspection. We purposely refrain from entering into further details, as they will be at the Command of the Committee.

Our application is that, having regard to the exceptional circumstances of the case, the Committee of Lloyd's will be pleased to grant a certificate of classification from the 24th January last, the day on which the vessel completed outfit, instead of from the date of launching. Had the Brig remained on the stocks till date of our purchase, we assume there would have been no need for this application, as she would have been classed in the ordinary way; and, as the Master builder's certificate, which we inclose, is valid evidence of the great care bestowed on the vessel prior, as well as subsequently to the launching; and having regard to the other reports as to her present satisfactory state, we trust the Committee will be pleased to accede to our request. Begging the favor of your submitting this application as early as convenient.

We remain
Your obed^t. Servants.
Thorburn, Brothers.

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My dear Mr. Curzon

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