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Dear Sir,

In further reference to the subject of the  
load-line of our new steamers, the "Persian Monarch"  
in particular, we would respectfully point out that  
these vessels were not designed nor originally intended  
as awning or spar deck steamers. At the time the plans  
and Specification were submitted to your Office,  
our Mr. Patton explained that this upper deck was added  
to the vessel simply as a Cattle Shelter Deck - in con-  
firmation of which we would draw your attention to the  
facts that inside the Shelter bulwarks there are large  
apertures running along - also that there are large  
freeing ports in the sides, to let any water off that  
may come on. We beg also to further state that in

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discussing the plan with your surveyors before we had the approval of the Committee, the question of load line was fully discussed; and in their opinion, as well as our own, it was not necessary to have one, for the reasons above stated; moreover it was understood that, should we at any future time desire to alter these vessels so as to bring them within the Rules of an awning deck steamer, the question of Lloyd's requirements with regard to scantling &c would have to form the subject of further consideration. It is quite true that since we built these vessels a deck has been put down inside the shelter bulwarks; the reason of this was that the Board of Trade strongly recommended us either to lay a deck or fill in that inner part with hatches with a view to make the vessel quite safe in heavy weather. This was done in the "Apyrian Monarch" before she left the builders hands, and was intended to be done likewise in the "Persian Monarch" - it was not however carried into effect until her arrival in New York. The "Apyrian Monarch" on her arrival in this country in this country last January was

surveyed by your Society - and there was no intimation or question raised with this vessel as to the load line; and as we have now explained to you fully the reason why these decks were laid, and not in any way thereby proposing to carry cargo underneath the Decks, but simply to overcome the scruples of those who are of opinion such a step was necessary for the safety of the ship, we trust your committee will not further press the question of load line.

Yours faithfully,  
John S. Nathan & Co



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