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Glasgow: 18th Sept. 1877.

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Lloyd's Office, Oswald Street.
"Simla".

Dear Sir I have learned with regret that your visitation Committee have left Glasgow at this time without visiting this ship as requested. I now enclose copy of table shewing the measurements and other details booked, since the ship went into Dock on 24th ultimo, including replacements and additions to hull. These operations you will perceive are carrying out what I have heretofore stated, that the "Simla" is being completed equal to Lloyd's requirements taken over all, and is therefore entitled to be classed **100A1**.

If the committee on a review of the whole facts in this ship's case, - seeing how rich she is in compensations, - will now authorize you in your discretion to proceed to dispose of the suggested additions (which the enclosed figures prove unnecessary) no further difficulty need be anticipated.

As was stated at the recent Glasgow meeting, - "it is of the greatest importance that every shipbuilder be perfectly free under Lloyd's inspection to make a ship in any way he likes different from their rules and that when Lloyd's find he had made as good a ship by his way of working as if he had worked according to their rules to grant him as high a classification as if he had worked upon their rules". Now applying the above to the "Simla" I think it will not be disputed that this ship is being made "fit to carry dry and perishable cargoes to and from any part of the world"; - and whether looked at Scientifically or practically it will be found on examination that this end is being attained quite judiciously.

I remain, yours faithfully,
V. Lennox-Scott.

Enclosure.

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