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Lloyd's Register of British & Foreign Shipping,
71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.

13th June, 1910.

My Lord,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's telegram of the 10th instant respecting the proposed classification of the steamer "ARIOSTO", and in reply thereto I am directed to explain that as compared with the requirements of the present Rules, the scantlings of the vessel are deficient in important particulars, but as compared with the Rules in force at the time the vessel was built she is deficient only as regards the strength of the upper works.

To deal with this in the most efficient way would involve lifting the wood awning deck and plating over the awning deck beams for at least the midship half length, but this would involve destroying a saloon deck house and some houses used for Officers rooms.

In order to compensate for the deficiencies in the simplest, readiest and least costly manner it has been recommended that the strake of awning deck side plating below the awning deck sheerstrake should be doubled for

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one-half length amidships, and in these circumstances I have
abled your Lordship today as follows, viz:-

"Ariosto case has been considered most carefully
with view meeting your wishes utmost possible but regret
cannot dispense with doubling required to render vessel
eligible Society's Classification".

I have the honour to be, My Lord,

Your Lordship's obedient servant,

WILSON LINE,
c/o WILSON LINE,

Secretary.

Right Hon. Lord Nunburnholme.

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