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Sir,

16th September, 1896.

I have to acquaint you that new masts, spars, and rigging which were built under inspection at Liverpool have been fitted on board the ship "INDIAN EMPIRE" at Callao and repairs of damage also effected to the satisfaction of two Surveyors appointed by Lloyd's Agent at Callao.

The Committee have accordingly reinstated the vessel's class, subject to the masts, spars, and rigging, and the repairs effected at Callao being examined on the vessel's arrival at San Francisco.

The Owner states that the vessel has just been chartered for San Francisco and I have therefore to request that on her arrival you will place yourself in communication with the Master with a view to the carrying out of the inspection in question.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

pro Secretary.

J. Metcalfe Esq.,

SAN FRANCISCO.



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P.S. The Special Survey No.1 has been allowed to be postponed until the vessel's arrival home.



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