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17, Water Street,Liverpool 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 1896.The Secretary of Lords  
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Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your favour of yesterday with provisional certificate for the "Indian Empire" for which I am obliged.

Replying to your closing paragraph in which you state that the ship should be put under survey again at Fries. I have to report to you that with the exception of the lowermasts, all the masts spars rigging are new, and were made according to your rules, in Liverpool. They have been fitted in up in Callao under your agents supervision & it seems hard that the ship should have to undergo an intermediate survey if she goes towards California. I may mention that I am running the ship entirely uninsured, & would certainly not risk this unless I had full confidence in the work. It would be a



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a favour if you would allow the ship to proceed  
till she reaches home without incurring  
any further expense.

I am, Dear Sir  
Yours truly  
Thomas Shute



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*Referred to the Chief Surveyor.*

*a.s.*

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*Also for Mr. Hill to note.*

*C.D.F.  
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