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14th October, 1896.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th ultimo, enclosing the report of the survey held by the Surveyor appointed by you on the Iron Ship "INDIAN EMPIRE", with a view to the re-instatement of the vessel's class in the Society's Register Book.

In conveying to you the Committee's thanks for the trouble you have taken in this case, I have to acquaint you that your telegram of the 7th ultimo came duly to hand, and was submitted to the Committee, who, under the special circumstances of the case, decided to re-instate the vessel's class in the Register Book, viz:- *A with fresh record of survey 9.96, upon the understanding that she be submitted to the examination of the Society's Surveyors on her return home, and if she proceeded to San Francisco, or any other port at which the Society has a Surveyor stationed, that the masts, spars and rigging should be submitted to examination.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

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