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14th May, 1906.

Dear Sir,

S. Reverting to your letter of the 26th ultimo respecting the fees due to this Society in connexion with the survey of the Steamer "ELENA D " at Messina I beg to acquaint you that I have been in communication with the Society's Surveyor at Naples on the subject.

It appears that on the 18th June 1905 the Society's Surveyor at Naples received a telegram from Captain Petrountzi, the Master of the vessel, requesting him to hold the necessary survey. The visit of Mr. Ritson, the Society's Exclusive Surveyor at Genoa, to Messina to join the local Surveyor in the survey of the vessel was arranged for in response to a telegram received at this office and dispatched by M. Ziongos, the Agent of the vessel, as follows:- "To avoid further lost time other ports we prefer receive visit Exclusive Surveyor here Please dispose sending the Genoa Surveyor at Steamer's expenses Many thanks Ziongos".

You will therefore see that on the part of this Society everything was done to suit the convenience of the Owners of the vessel, and I shall be glad if you will be so good as to acquaint the Owners of the vessel with the circumstances, from

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which it will be obvious that the request for survey was made by their representative on their behalf, and that they are responsible for the fees and expenses arising out of the survey.

The Committee therefore rely upon receiving a remittance from the Owners for the amount outstanding with a view to close the account against the vessel which has now been standing over for a considerable time.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

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