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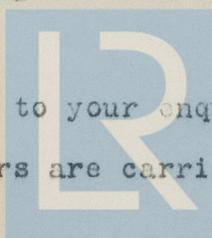
15th April, 1896.

Dear Madam,

I duly received your letter of the 13th instant respecting the case of your iron ship "INDIAN EMPIRE", and have to acquaint you that the arrangements proposed therein are considered satisfactory.

With regard to your enquiry respecting the classification certificate, I have to explain that the Committee will not be able to re-instate the vessel's class in the Society's Register Book until they have received a satisfactory report from the two Surveyors to be appointed by Lloyd's Agent at Callao, certifying that the rigging has been put into perfect order to enable the vessel to proceed home or to a port at which the Society has a Surveyor stationed, when the masting will require to be again surveyed by one of the Society's Surveyors. Your representative at Callao will no doubt be able to obtain from Lloyd's Agent the report in question or a duplicate thereof as soon as the repairs have been completed. If only one copy of the document is issued, no delay should be allowed to take place in forwarding it to this Office for the consideration of the Committee.

I have to add, in reply to your enquiry respecting the British Consul, that if the repairs are carried out to the satisfac-



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tion of the two Surveyors appointed by Lloyd's Agent, no Consular Survey will be required so far as regards the classification of the vessel in this Society's Register Book.

I return herewith as desired the documents forwarded with your letter.

I am, Dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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