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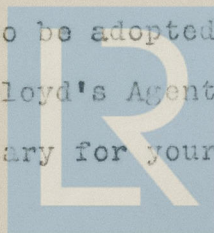
Dear Madam,

In further reference to your letter of the *12th* instant respecting the case of your ship "INDIAN EMPIRE", I am directed to acquaint you that this Society has no Surveyor stationed at Callao so that it would not be possible to arrange for the remasting of the vessel to be done under the Society's inspection.

Under the circumstances, however, provided the new masts, spars and rigging which are being made in this Country be constructed under the inspection and to the satisfaction of the Society's local Surveyors and be fitted at Callao to the entire satisfaction of two reliable nautical men appointed by Lloyd's Agents there, the Committee will be prepared to reinstate the vessel's class in the Register Book upon receiving a report certifying that the rigging has been put into perfect order to enable the vessel to proceed home or to a port at which this Society has a Surveyor stationed, subject to the masting being again surveyed by one of the Society's Surveyors.

I have therefore to suggest that you should give instructions for this course to be adopted.

I may add that as Lloyd's Agents are not officials of this Society it will be necessary for your representative to make



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make application to them to appoint Surveyors.

I am, Dear Madam,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Miss E. Shute,

179, Parliament Street,

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