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19th August, 1925.

Dear Sirs,

D. I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, regarding the construction at Leghorn of a new steel hull for the Yacht "FLYING CLOUD".

In reply I have to say that the Society's representative at Leghorn is, as you have been informed, a Non-Exclusive Surveyor, and that the Committee would not be satisfied to leave in his hands the responsibility for the supervision of the work in question, with a view to classification of the Yacht with this Society, but would feel it necessary to arrange for the Society's Surveyors at Genoa to give constant supervision to the work of construction. This would, of course, involve very frequent travelling between the two ports.

In view of the fact that Leghorn is some hours railway journey from Genoa, it is evident that it would be more satisfactory if, instead of the survey being entrusted to the Surveyors at the latter port, a Special Surveyor to this Society were stationed at Leghorn for the express purpose of ensuring that the construction of the new hull is satisfactorily and efficiently carried out in accordance

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with the Society's requirements in every respect.

In these circumstances I am to say, in reply to your inquiry, that the Committee would be prepared, should the Duke of Westminster so desire, to send from this country to Leghorn an experienced Ship Surveyor, who speaks the Italian language and who was not long ago stationed for some years at Genoa, at an inclusive charge at the rate of 1,000 guineas per annum. This amount will be inclusive of all charges in respect of fees and expenses for the services of the Ship Surveyor, but there would in addition be some small fee, in accordance with the usual practice, to be charged by the Society's Engineer Surveyors in respect of the supervision of the machinery installation.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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