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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

9th April, 1929.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant having further reference to the case of your Steamer "ORLA", from which I note that you state that the intimation which was received at this Office from Mr. S.A. Eide, the Society's Surveyor at Bergen in January last that you did not wish to continue the vessel's class with this Society, as she had been transferred to Det. Norske Veritas, was made without your consent.

I would point out, however, that on receipt of Mr. Eide's letter, and after the Committee had had the case under consideration, you were informed in my letter of the 31st January last that instructions had been given for the vessel's character to be withdrawn from the Register Book and three dots (...) inserted in lieu thereof, indicating withdrawal of class at Owner's request.

No further communication on the matter was received from you until your cablegram of the 3rd instant, stating that you intended maintaining the vessel's class with this Society until the vessel's arrival in Europe.

The Committee regret if there should have been any misunderstanding about the matter between yourself and the

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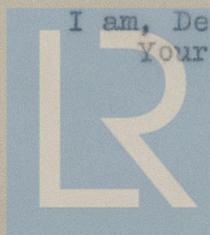
Surveyor and they desire me to point out that over two months has elapsed since you were informed that the vessel's class had been withdrawn and any misunderstanding could have been rectified had you at once called attention to this effect on receipt of my letter of the 31st January last.

I may add that I have also received a cablegram from the Society's Surveyor at Bergen, stating that it is now your desire to reclass the vessel, and as at the time the vessel's class was withdrawn, the stern tube required to be renewed, and the Boiler Survey completed by the adjustment of the safety valves under steam, I have now to say that provided these matters be at once attended to and the vessel be submitted to a general examination by the Society's Surveyors and be satisfactorily reported upon, the Committee will be prepared to reinstate the vessel's class on receipt of reports from the Society's Surveyors on the matter.

It would appear from the Shipping Papers that the vessel is now bound for Buenos Aires, and if you desire the class to be reinstated, the Society's Surveyors at that port can be instructed by cablegram to give their attention, and I shall accordingly be glad to hear from you on this point.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

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