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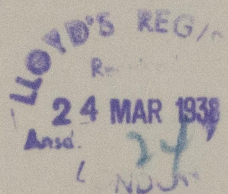
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23rd March, 1938.

The Secretary,
Lloyd's Register of Shipping,
LONDON.

Dear Sir,

<center>s/s "CORABELLA".</center>

We are to-day in receipt of your letter of the
22nd inst., the contents of which cause us - on behalf of
the Owners -some difficulty in appreciating the attitude
of your Society to these Owners.

In the first case, may we ask you if it is
customary for a Principal Surveyor at a port, in conjunction
with a Principal Surveyor who has journeyed up from London
to that Port to hold a survey, completely ignoring the Owners?
Should we not have been advised of the intention to hold this
survey, in order to be present and discuss the situation?
We consider that it would at least have been courteous to
advise us in advance of this survey; we actually heard of
it by accident late in the afternoon of the 17th inst. after
it had been held and our reason for writing you on that day
was in the hope that there might be some explanation.

The following is extracted from your letter in
regard to this survey on the stern frame:-

"This blow must have been a severe one". We regret that we cannot agree with this.

The following is a further extract from your letter:-

"It is understood also that Dr. Pickworth proposes to have the sole piece of the stern frame broken through".

May we again refer you to our letter of the 17th inst. ?

Is it not for the Owners to arrange for this breakage of their property after discussion and/or agreement with other interested parties?

Yours faithfully,

Bushell Nicolls

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Referred to the Chief Ship Surveyor.

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Also for Mr. Hill to note.