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14th October, 1920.

Dear Sirs,

I have to confirm the following telegrams that have passed between us to-day:-

RECEIVED.

"PATMOS 68477 REGISTER NEW OWNERS BYRON STEAMSHIP COMPANY
"REQUEST EXAMINATION AND CERTIFICATE FOR SIX MONTHS
"AWAITING YOUR INSTRUCTIONS PLEASE WIRE".

SENT.

"STEAMERS PATMOS AND ERIC PETERSEN NOW TRANSFERRED TO
"BYRON STEAMSHIP COMPANY AND YOU ARE AUTHORISED SURVEY
"THESE VESSELS IN DRYDOCK AND AS FAR AS PRACTICABLE
"INTERNALLY WITH VIEW ISSUE FRESH CERTIFICATE FOR SIX MONTHS
"WRITING".

With regard to the cases of the two vessels referred to, viz., "PATMOS" and "ERIC PETERSEN", the Owners have called here to-day and explained that although it is their intention to submit the "PATMOS" for survey with a view to classification and the "ERIC PETERSEN" for reclassification in the Society's Register Book, they do not propose to carry out the whole of the survey at present on account of the vessels being urgently required for service.

In the circumstances, they have been informed that provided the steamers be seen in drydock by the

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Society's Surveyors and an opportunity is afforded for making a general examination so that the Surveyors may satisfy themselves as to the condition of the vessels, the Committee will as a present arrangement agree to the issue of a Certificate that, so far as can be seen from the parts of the hull and machinery that have been examined, the vessels are in a fit condition to run for a period of not more than six months; further, a note will be made in the Register Book of the date of survey, together with a footnote stating in the cases where it applies, that "this vessel, which was classed in another Register has now been surveyed by the Surveyors to Lloyd's Register."

I have to request that you will be guided accordingly, taking advantage of the opportunity to pass the vessels through as much of the necessary surveys for classification and reclassification as the case may be as can be done, and forwarding for approval the Reports proposed to be issued, together with official Reports on the proper forms.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

The Surveyors,
NEWCASTLE ON TYNE.

Secretary.

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