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Sir,

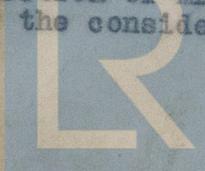
I am directed to call your attention to the action of Mr. Grimshaw, Constructor, in charge of the repairs recently effected to the United States s.s. "SAPINERO" at H.M. Dockyard, Devonport.

This vessel was built at Hog Island, Pa., under the survey of the Surveyors to this Society, and is classed in the Society's Register Book under the provisions of the Rules, which require that all repairs must be carried out under the inspection and to the satisfaction of the Society's Surveyors in order that the vessel may retain her character in Lloyd's Register Book.

In view of the nature of the damage sustained by the vessel on her voyage across the Atlantic, the Committee deemed it advisable that the local surveyor should be joined in the examination of this vessel by Mr. French, the Society's Chief Surveyor for the United States of America and Canada (who happened to be in this country), and Mr. Nicholas, the Principal Surveyor for the London District, who accordingly attended at Devonport Dockyard.

On the occasion of their last visit, the surveyors found that considerable additional work was being done which had not been recommended by them and which they do not consider to be necessary; and, upon taking the matter up with Mr. Grimshaw, he informed them that he would admit of no interference from the Society's Surveyors, whom he did not recognise in the case.

Seeing that the vessel is classed in this Society's Register and, as a consequence, is liable to inspection by the Society's Surveyors, the Committee desire to protest against the action of Mr. Grimshaw in the matter and to suggest, for the consideration of the Lords



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Commissioners of the Admiralty, that it would be well to give him such instructions as will prevent the recurrence of similar action on his part in any future case of a vessel bearing the Society's classification which may be undergoing repair in Devonport Dockyard.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Secretary.

The Secretary,

ADMIRALTY,

Whitehall, S.W. 1.



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