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Victoria Chambers,
Bowlalley Lane,
Hull.

19th March 1921.

Dear Sirs,

"Indianapolis"
Lloyds Registry.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date with its enclosure, for which we thank you.

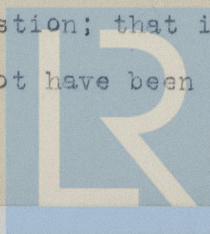
We have neither the right nor the desire to cross-examine your Clients, but their reputation is deservedly high and we are anxious that it should be preserved.

In previous instances we have asked them for information and have been told, as in the case now under discussion, that no information can be furnished beyond that contained in the Register Book.

The present Arbitration included a dispute as to Seaworthiness and Classification of the "Indianapolis", and Lloyds Registers were duly admitted. Our Opponents attacked the Seaworthiness and Classification, which the Owners of the "Indianapolis" naturally upheld.

When Mr Hill attended on his Subpoena he was asked point blank "Do you produce a letter of the 25th August 1920 addressed to your New York House" or words to that effect. He did produce the letter in question.

Our point is that information must have been disclosed of the existence of the letter in question; that it goes beyond anything in the Register Book; that it cannot have been given with the consent



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of the Owners, and that our Opponents must have had information of the existence of the letter prior to the issue of their Subpoena.

We mention this because in our view it justifies our statement which you quote.

We are glad to accept your assurance that no information was given to Messrs Botterell & Roche that was not furnished to us, but we are nevertheless puzzled as to how the information could have reached them unless it emanated from your Clients.

Perhaps with this further information before you, you will again go into the matter and write us.

At present, rightly or wrongly, our Clients feel that they have not received impartial treatment, and we shall be glad to assure them that their apprehension is groundless.

Yours faithfully,

(sgd) Jackson & Co.

Messrs Parker Garrett & Co.



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