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Calle Zabala, 1531,

Montevideo, 18th February, 1921

LLOYD'S REGISTER
LONDON.

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A. J. MATHESON,
SURVEYOR.

Dear Sir;

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your cable of the 14th inst. which reads as follows:-

Grants types	=	Steamer's name
VARMU	=	referring to Your letter
ZABOF	=	10th January
VIHVU	=	Owners Agents
VEYLC	=	inform
ZUAGM	=	The Society's Surveyors at Barry
CLASSIFICATION	=	Classification
VIQAB	=	not required
WHESH	=	Vessel retains Class
British Corporation	=	British Corporation
VIBPY	=	Make further inquiries
VACCI	=	Cable result

My cable reply reads as under:-

WIHVA	=	Owners desire vessel to be re-classed
ZOJTY	=	on arrival at
Montevideo	=	Montevideo

The Naval Director shewed me a cablegram from the Master stating that the expenses to re-instate

1) This vessel, in her Class, would be £2000, which he read to mean the Society's Fees, but, on my pointing out the Society's Charges in the U.K. in his Copy of the Rules, and, suggesting that the repairs, putting the equipment in order & the Society's Fees would in all probably total the above sum, he sent a second cable.

It would appear that the vessel had been in collision, and that questions not easily settled by cable might arise over claims for repairs, so under the circumstances the Director decided to defer changing the Class until the vessel's arrival at Montevideo.

Arrangements have also been made to hold the Survey for re-statement of Class of the "Rio Negro" on arrival at this port towards which she is now on her voyage.

The Survey on the "Salto" is now being held.

I arranged with the Director on the 8th January, 1921, to have Plans in duplicate prepared of the midship sections with scantlings, General Arrangements, Boilers, shafting and pumping arrangements, for the other five vessels but up to the present nothing has been done, and he seems to be uncertain at the moment as to whether these vessels will be transferred to the Society's Class or not.

I also beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 19th January, 1921, on the matter.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully
A. J. Matheson

