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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

22nd December, 1931

Dear Sirs,

S. I duly received your letter of the 16th December, regarding the steamer "ALABAMA", and have pleasure in informing you that a reply by letter has now been received from the Society's Chief Surveyor for the United States and Canada to the cablegram which you requested should be sent to New York.

From the information contained in this letter it would appear that when the vessel was surveyed for damage in Philadelphia on the 14th March last by Messrs. White, Silleman and Buchanan, a slight wave in the deck plating was noted, but the Captain of the vessel is reported to have stated that this had existed prior to the damage sustained through heavy weather on a voyage from Baytown to London in March. Mr. Richardson also observed this slight wave in the deck plating when the vessel arrived in New York for permanent repairs, and was likewise informed that it had existed before the damage for which the survey was called.

Mr. White, representing the Underwriters, obtained from the Master a list of the damage to deck fittings and

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movable items which were included in the specification on which tenders were invited, but no mention was made in this list of the slightly buckled deck plating.

It would appear that when the vessel arrived at her home port, the Italian Underwriters communicated with Mr. White and asked him to obtain from the Surveyors a statement regarding the wave in the shelter deck in the vicinity of the steering house.

The certificates issued by the Society's Surveyors were requested by Mr. Thomas H. White, on behalf of the Italian Hull Underwriters, and were delivered to him.

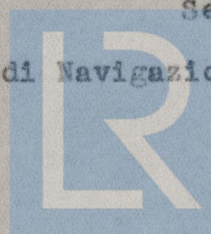
I have to add, however, that Messrs. Buchanan and Richardson, the Society's Surveyors, were under the impression that these documents were requested and obtained with the concurrence of yourselves, as Owners of the vessel, inasmuch as Mr. Silleman, who signed the New York statement, was understood to be representing the vessel.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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