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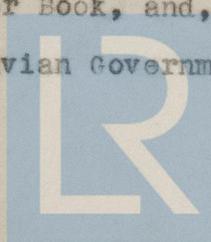
71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.

15th April, 1916.

Dear Sir,

S. I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, regarding the proposed survey with a view to re-classification of the steamer "CONSTITUCION" and the Sailing Vessel "ELISABETH", and with regard to your remarks I have to point out that the Pacific Steam Navigation Company were approached by this Society in this matter, as it was gathered from our conversations on the telephone that the cases of these vessels were similar to that of the "IQUITOS", in which the Peruvian Government guaranteed the whole of the fees and expenses of the Surveyor in his visit to Callao for the purpose of carrying out the survey.

It is noted, however, from your letter, that you state it is understood that the Peruvian Steamship Company will reimburse the fees and expenses for the proposed surveys. The Peruvian Steamship Company is not known at this Office, and is not a shipowning Company included in the list of Shipowners in Lloyd's Register Book, and, in the circumstances, I regret that unless the Peruvian Government guarantee, as



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before, the whole of the fees and expenses incurred in these cases, or you are in a position to furnish on behalf of the Peruvian Steamship Company a banker's guarantee to the same effect, the Committee cannot take any steps with a view to Mr. Smith's proceeding to Callao for the purpose desired.

I think it well further to add that a decision in the matter should be made as promptly as possible, as it is understood that Mr. Smith is at present absent from Valparaiso, and it may take some little time to get into touch with him.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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