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6th April, 1916.

Dear Mr. Rome,

You will no doubt recall that at the instance of the Peruvian Government you were good enough to arrange, in May last, to spare Mr. Smith, your Superintending Engineer at Valparaiso, for the purpose of proceeding to Callao in order to carry out a survey for re-classification of the steamer "IQUITOS", and the Peruvian Government agreed to reimburse your Company the amount of Mr. Smith's salary for the time he was absent, in addition to paying all other fees and expenses involved. This course was duly followed and the ship re-classed on Mr. Smith's Report.

The Chairman and Deputy Chairman fully appreciate the serious inconvenience that may be occasioned to your Company by the absence of Mr. Smith from his important duties at Valparaiso over the long period occupied by his undertaking such duties - in the above case he appears to have been absent from the 16th June to the 4th August - and they are reluctant to raise the question again with your Company.

We have now received a request from the Peruvian Legation that the survey of two other vessels may be undertaken by Mr. Smith at Callao, under precisely similar conditions, with a view to re-classification in the Society's Register

Book; and before definitely declining to entertain the proposal,
it is thought well to bring the circumstances to your
knowledge and to say that the Chairman will be glad to be
favoured with a line from you on the matter.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

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