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ENCLOSURES.

1st January, 1915.

Your Excellency,

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I beg to acknowledge the receipt of Lieutenant-Commander Barrie's letter of the 28th ultimo, forwarding drawings of the steamer "ARMONIA", referred to in previous correspondence between us, and, in reply, I am directed to acquaint you that the matter has been carefully investigated, and, with every desire to meet your wishes therein, the Committee regret to say that the exigencies of the Society's business at Buenos Aires will not admit of one of the Society's Surveyors leaving the port for the purpose of undertaking the survey of this vessel at Talcahuano with a view to classification in the Society's Register Book, if found entitled thereto upon examination in dry dock, a duty which would occupy a considerable amount of the Surveyor's time.

The nearest port on the West Coast at which the Society has Exclusive Surveyors stationed is San Francisco, and, in the circumstances, I can only leave it for your consideration as to whether it is desirable to incur the cost of sending the vessel there with the object of undergoing the necessary survey.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

Secretary.

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P.S.- I beg to return the plans herewith.