

17th December, 1914.

Your Excellency,

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I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter of the 14th instant relative to the desire of the Chilean Government that a survey may be held upon the Steamer "ARMONIA" with a view to the classification of this vessel in the Society's Register Book.

In reply I beg to explain that before the case of this vessel can be considered by the Committee for classification it will be necessary for plans of the hull and boilers to be submitted if possible showing the scantlings and arrangements as originally fitted in order that it may be ascertained whether they are equivalent to the requirements of the Society.

If plans are not obtainable the scantlings and distribution of material will require to be ascertained by examination and drilling as may be necessary of the vessel itself; in addition the hull and machinery will require to be opened up and surveyed in accordance with the requirements of Circular 48 of the Society's Rules, a copy of which I have the pleasure to enclose.

As intimated to Lieutenant Commander Barrie when he called here on the 14th instant it would be necessary for the above survey to be carried out at a port where the Society has an Exclusive Surveyor stationed, and the nearest ports to Talcahuano of this character are San Francisco and Buenos Aires.



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Regretting that it is not possible in the
present instance to fall in with your Excellency's
wishes in the matter,

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

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Secretary.

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