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Dear Sir,

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## "LA CRESCENTA"

The Committee of this Society and its technical advisers have now had an opportunity of considering the Findings of the Commissioner, Lord Merrivale, as a result of the recent Inquiry in this case, and their attention has been drawn to the passage on page 32 of these Findings in the following terms:-

"The nature of the Reports of Lloyd's Surveyors which are in evidence and the conclusions at which we have arrived with regard to the condition of the auxiliary machinery and various fittings of the steamship "La Crescenta" appear to us to call for full consideration as to whether the Instructions at present given to Lloyd's Surveyors are sufficiently strict and definite to secure the best possible degree of safety."

The Committee are of course most anxious to comply with any suggestion which the Commissioner in a case of this nature may think fit to make affecting the Society's organisation or methods; but having carefully considered the whole of the Findings and the

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evidence given at this Inquiry, they have great difficulty in seeing what points his Lordship had in mind in making the observation above quoted or in what respects the Instructions given to the Society's Surveyors with regard to surveys are susceptible of strengthening or improvement.

It is of course fully appreciated that this matter is one for the consideration of the Society rather than of your Department; but the Committee would greatly appreciate any assistance the Board can give them towards making clear what points the Commissioner had in mind in making the observation quoted above.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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