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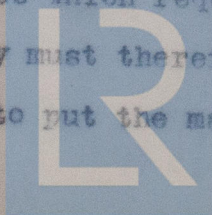
19th September, 1905.

Dear Sirs,

S. I beg to acquaint you that I am in receipt of a letter from the Society's Surveyors at Newcastle to the effect that you are anxious to be furnished with classification certificates for the new Steamer "MENDOZA" by Wednesday morning. The Society's Surveyors have also forwarded your letter of the 12th instant intimating that the hold ceiling in this vessel is omitted from the tank top and is fitted only under the hatches at the special request of the Owners of the vessel, Lloyd Italiano of Genoa.

The Committee had the reports on the vessel before them today and I have to say that they quite accept your statement that the omission of the ceiling has been done at the special request of the Owners, and the certificates of classification are accordingly being forwarded to the Society's Newcastle office by tonight's post.

At the same time, however, the Committee desire me to point out that the omission of ceiling in this case is a departure from the Society's Rules which requires the Owners' sanction to be obtained. They must therefore ask you to be so good as to obtain this so as to put the matter quite in



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order, and in issuing the certificates they rely upon your  
kindly forwarding a letter from the Owners to this effect.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Messrs.

Sir W.G.Armstrong, Whitworth & Co.Ld.,

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