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71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.

French

20th July, 1915.

Dear Sirs,

S. I beg to acquaint you that Mr. Demarest, Surveyor to this Society at Havre, has forwarded to this Office your letter of the 10th instant relative to the conditions of the classification in the Society's Register Book of the steamer "OHIO", and I regret to note that there appears to have been some misunderstanding in the matter.

I may remind you that the question of the omission of the bulkheads in the forward holds of this steamer was discussed in correspondence between us at the end of 1912 and beginning of 1913, and that in my letters of the 4th December, 1912, and of the 24th January, 1913, it was pointed out that before the steamers referred to therein were finally classed in the Society's Register Book, it would be necessary to produce letters from the Owners desiring the omission of the bulkheads in question.

The special circumstances referred to in your letter of the 16th March, to which you make allusion, were carefully considered by the Committee of the Society, who, in order to meet the convenience of your goodselves in the matter as far as possible, agreed to assign to the steamer "OHIO"

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the 100A1 class, subject to your furnishing an undertaking to inform any intending purchaser that a watertight bulkhead had been dispensed with. The Society's Surveyors at Havre were informed accordingly, and, in accordance with your wishes, the classification certificates were forwarded to the Society's Surveyors at the same time, the intention being that the Surveyors should make you acquainted with the condition under which the certificates were issued. The Surveyors explain, however, that they were under the impression that the subject of the omission of the bulkheads had been settled direct between this Office and your goodselves, which led them to forward the certificates to you without remark.

You will, I am sure, see that the position has arisen owing to the Committee's anxiety to meet your wishes to have the vessel classed without further delay, and I have no doubt you will be quite willing to agree to the special condition which is attached to the classification, namely, that you will inform intending purchasers that a watertight bulkhead has been dispensed with.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

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Secretary.

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