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The Secretary
London

Dear Sir,

I beg to report that, having been informed by Mr. Brunelière, the Nantes Surveyor, that the classification of the "COLONEL VIELJEUX" had been transferred to the Bureau Veritas, I paid a visit to the Cie Havraise Péninsulaire, Managers of this vessel and old Clients of the Society.

Replying to my questions and remarks regarding this surprising information, the Ingénieur en Chef of that Company stated that this decision had been taken by the Havraise and submitted to the Owners (French Government) who did not make any exception to it because, according to the new Merchant Marine Policy, which is coming into force on the 15th instant, the vessel will become shortly the property of her present Managers. He also showed to me a copy of a letter addressed to the Society by his Company, in which the transfer of class was notified.

In addition to the "reasons" of the Managers's decision, as given in their above said letter, the Ingénieur en Chef alleged that the fact we have not a local Surveyor in each port and in each Steel manufacturing place was causing some inconvenience to his Company. I objected that the Society's Surveying Staff in France was now practically as numerous as in Pre-War times when no inconvenience had been brought to our notice by the Cie Havraise. Then he made reference to a question of testing of Refrigerating Condenser coils, which took place on that ship fourteen months ago and regarding which they considered that the Society's decision caused also some inconvenience to his Company, etc... It is obvious that the Managers decided, first, to class the vessel to Veritas and then to find reasons for doing so. In the circumstances, I tried to know their intention regarding the two other vessels ("MADAGASCAR" and "VILLE DE REIMS") classed with us and I have been informed that they will remain to our class; but, however, the Ingénieur en Chef added that "he hoped that the Society's Surveyors will take their age into account when carrying out their survey." I may add that the "MADAGASCAR" is at present at Rouen under

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the inspection of the Society's Surveyor at Havre.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully.

J. Davis

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Referred to the Chief Ship Surveyor,
and the Chief Engineer Surveyor.

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Also for Mr. Sullivan to note.

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