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Dear Mr. Shepherd.

Messrs Cia:Argentina de Nav:Dodero S.A., of this City, have purchased, or are negotiating to do so, the "MONARCH OF BERMUDA", which vessel it is proposed will be repaired either in the United States or Belgium, most probably the former, and converted to an emigrant ship.-

Mr. T.Horn, technical director for Messrs Dodero, is leaving for London, by air, on the 24th. instant and due to arrive on the 27th., making the Savoy Hotel his headquarters.-

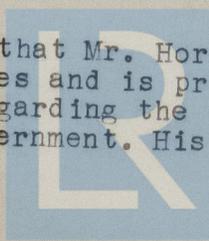
I have had an interview with this gentleman who says his Company is prepared to keep the vessel in class provided the Society's requirements are reasonable, otherwise he says they will approach one or the other of the classification bodies.-

It appears to me that as the vessel was built largely of special quality steel, the buyers realising they may have to use in the case of renewals mild steel of ordinary quality are very anxious that the scantlings be kept to the minimum. Another point in their mind is that some of the plating of the lower decks is buckled, due to heat, and if these do not affect the strength of the vessel they are not anxious to carry out renewals.

The position seems that our local friends are most anxious to carry out the minimum amount of repairs to make the vessel seaworthy and retain classification.-

I would suggest that contact be made with Mr.Horn immediately upon his arrival at the Savoy Hotel, and the matter fully discussed, and in view of what I have written you may be in a position to have the case looked into prior to meeting Mr. Horn.

It should be added that Mr. Horn is of some influence in Argentine Shipping circles and is probably the one person who can give information regarding the placing of shipbuilding orders by the Argentine Government. His favour I believe is



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worth cultivating, and maybe an invitation to lunch would not do any harm.

With kind regards.
Yours sincerely.-

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