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Dear Turnbull,

Thank you for your letter, and I did know you were a functionary of Lloyd's Register as I happened to see your name in the Annual Report for 1952, and I congratulate you on your eminence.

The matter of the Fowey Harbour Commissioners' craft is that they do not take out Classification Certificates except for load-line, and that is only to enable the craft to be moved around the coast without M.O.T. intervention.

Our Harbour Master says quite frankly that the choice of the B.V. was in order to give their District Surveyor, Mr. Noble, a helping hand.

The two vessels you refer to are being converted from coasters into self-propelled hopper craft for employment with our dredging plant.

For ourselves, we have only this to say for your Society for which we share the universal regard. We have recently let one of our tugs run out of class largely because it was completely impossible to assess the likely cost of retaining the Certificates.

No doubt your Surveyors are bound to your Rules but they seem to us to be possessed by a frenzy for pulling everything good to pieces in order to discover whether there may be anything bad underneath.

Although it may be a presumption, we have concluded that we are just as capable of surveying and keeping a ship in good condition as anyone else, though, of course, we deplore being without the imprimatur of recognition by Lloyds.

I and my partner both send our kind regards and hope that you will come and see us again before long.

Yours sincerely,

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