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Port of Genoa,

Piazza Cavour, 35,

August 16th 1918.

Sir,

We beg leave to enclose herewith a letter dated the 3rd of July which we have received from the Societa Transoceanica asking the Committee to withdraw their steamers from class.

On the receipt of this letter, and before sending it up to you, we wrote to Mr. Ducoster asking him to take steps to get this company to reconsider their decision, and he states that he has done what he could but finds it useless.

While the late Mr. Peirce was alive, in opposition to his directors & superintendent, the vessels were retained in class, but now that the firm has changed & Mr. Peirce is dead, his son who is president of the Company, & the Director, have both made up their minds to take this step which they have wanted to do all along.
The reason that they give for doing so, is that we are too strict and that in order to have the Italian government subvention the Register Nazionale Class is sufficient for them.

Mr. Ducoster also states that there has always been a great want of order on the part of the marine superintendent who when our surveys & those of the Registro Nazionale were due very often omitted to call us in, thus necessitating the surveys being held twice, and when asked the reason tried to blame us for his own want of forethought. This has also been our experience with the ships when passing surveys here, and we had the greatest difficulty in getting them completed properly through the aforementioned want of method on the part of this companys superintendents or managers.

We are, Sir,
Your obed't Servants
THE SURVEYORS TO LLOYD'S REGISTER.

The Secretary,
Lloyds Register,
LONDON.

ENCL. A letter.

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