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Dear Sirs,

S. I was duly favoured with your letter of the 17th instant, in further reference to the case of the s.s. "NAUSICAA", and the question which has arisen therefrom regarding the chemical composition of the steel plates used in her construction.

In reply, I am directed to state that the Committee, who attach much importance to any opinion or suggestion of Sir George Hunter, regret that this is not a matter in which the Society can intervene, as suggested by him.

The Committee quite agree with Sir George that the chemical composition of steel for shipbuilding is a matter of prime importance, but they regard it as one rather for the steel makers and their chemists and metallurgists than for the Committee of Lloyd's Register and their Staff of Surveyors, who have to satisfy themselves of the physical properties of the material as used in the construction of ships.

If the Committee were to make themselves responsible for the chemical composition of steel submitted to the Society's inspection, it would involve a considerable increase

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to the staff and could only be undertaken with the consent of steel makers and after full discussion and approval by the Technical Committee and General Committee of the Society and would necessarily add considerably to the cost of inspection.

Expressing the Committee's regret that they cannot see their way to adopt your suggestion in the present instance,

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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