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LONDON.

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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,
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My dear Mr. Scott:-

Some time in August or September, 1913, the John S. Emery Company of Boston, Mass., wrote a letter to Lloyd's New York office asking permission to leave out one of the water-tight bulkheads on each of the steamers "ATLANTIC" and "PACIFIC" building at the Fore River Shipbuilding Company under Hull Numbers 224 and 225.

The data of these vessels as it appeared in Lloyd's Register Book when they went into commission contained an annotation reading "5 Bulkheads".

If these vessels had been built strictly to Lloyd's requirements they would have had six bulkheads.

I understand from Lloyd's New York office that the original letter from the John S. Emery Company was forwarded to London with other data in connection with the classification of these vessels. Will you be kind enough to have a photostat made of this original letter from the John S. Emery Company wherein they ask for the omission of one water-tight bulkhead.

Our interest in the above vessels is due to the fact that in 1915 we purchased the PACIFIC from the John S. Emery Company and renamed her the HEWITT, which vessel was lost in 1921. We are having some difficulty with the American underwriters regarding the payment of insurance and this letter will probably be used to indicate that the fact that the vessel had five water-tight bulkheads in place of six was public knowledge obtainable through the data in Lloyd's Register Book.

I understand that you have been having some very hot weather in London recently and I hope that you have kept fit throughout.

Yours, with personal regards,

J. R. Jordan



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