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# Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

28th February, 1922.

Dear Sir,

S. I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant and your cablegram of the 25th, regarding your barque "PASSAT", and have to acquaint you that the Society's Surveyors at Marseilles report that upon examination of the vessel in dry dock the plating from the light line to the keel was found to be greatly corroded, and that your Superintendent refused to scale the plating for complete examination and also declined to have the plating drilled where considered necessary to ascertain its thickness.

In the circumstances the Society's Surveyors were informed that to entitle the vessel to re-classification the plating must be chipped and scaled for complete examination as recommended, the Special Survey No. 3 must be completely held, and the plating must be drilled as may be found to be necessary in the Surveyors' opinion.

The Committee note your wish to be furnished with an interim certificate to allow the vessel to make a voyage, and to leave over the scaling of the bottom until her return to Hamburg, where you have pneumatic scaling Companies for this purpose, and I have to say that while the Committee would not object to the Society's Surveyors at Marseilles



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issuing a provisional certificate for a voyage in ballast from that port to Hamburg, provided they are satisfied as to the vessel's efficiency for that voyage, and upon the understanding that the Special Survey and all repairs would be completed at Hamburg, the Committee regret they cannot agree to the issue of any certificate for the vessel to proceed on any other voyage than one in ballast from Marseilles to Hamburg.

In the circumstances I cabled to you today as under, and await your reply.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Copy MARSEILLES

Assistant to the Secretary.

F. Laeisz, Esq.,

1, Trostbrücke,

HAMBURG.

Cablegram Received:

"PASSAT referring our yesterday's letter please cable your Marseilles Surveyor instructions to issue interim certificate as far as survey has been completed."

Cablegram Sent:

"PASSAT in view reported condition outside plating regret unable authorise issue any certificate except for voyage in ballast from Marseilles to Hamburg for completion of survey provided Surveyor satisfied this can be done."

The Surveyors,

MARSEILLES.

Assistant to the Secretary.



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