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High Close, Wokingham, Berks.

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18th January, 1943.

Dear Sir,

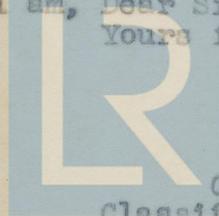
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With reference to the enclosed certificates received with your letter of the 6th instant in relation to the equipment of the new steamer "FORT RELIANCE", I have to acquaint you so far as the anchors are concerned, these were, by special arrangement and owing to lack of testing facilities, subjected only to drop test, tensile and bend test and no statutory tests were carried out. In the special circumstances, the Committee have accepted this and a number of other Canadian built vessels for the figure '1', with the proviso that they shall be submitted to the statutory test "when the present state of emergency has passed". Meanwhile, of course, no statutory test certificates can be issued and the provisional certificates made up by the Vancouver Surveyors, have been issued to indicate such provisional acceptance.

As regards the chain cable, the letter from Mr. Rennie to the Wartime Merchant Shipping Ltd under date of 28th September last, states that at that time the official certificates were not forthcoming and his letter has obviously been prepared as a provisional statement for use pending their receipt. In the ordinary way, the official certificates would be supplied to the Builders by the Makers and I have little doubt that by this time this course has been adopted and that these documents will eventually be received by the Managers from the Builders through the Owners. In the event of non-receipt, however, it is suggested that the Managers should apply to the Owners, namely the Wartime Merchant Shipping Ltd., and refer to Mr. Rennie's letter of the 28th September last.

The Freeboard certificates are also enclosed for issue to the ship.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,



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The Secretary,
LIVERPOOL.

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