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342, Argyle Street, Glasgow.

27th. December, 1911.

Sir,

With reference to the London letter regarding the case of the S.S. "COMMANDANT" and the translation of a letter received from M.Emile Berenguer, I beg to state that this vessel has been surveyed in dry dock at Ardrossan and in addition to the repairs recommended in Cardiff Report No.32754, which are now in hand; the stern frame has been removed and a new sole piece is being welded on. Also a number of other minor repairs are being done.

Regarding the statement "that certain plates of the hull and of the deck were very corroded", a careful examination has been made and I find that the plating of hull and decks is not any more wasted than one would expect in a vessel of 6 years old.

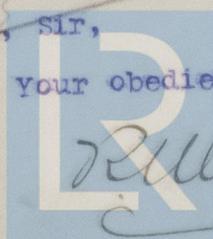
The inspector, M.Emile Berenguer, was present during the examination, but as he cannot speak a word of English, it is very difficult to explain matters to him, as he seems to think that the vessel should be made as good as new in every respect.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

The Secretary,

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