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"FOREMOST III", "JAMES NO.64", "JAMES NO.65" & "ERNI"

In reply to a telephone enquiry the Southampton Surveyors state that the preparations for the voyage of the "FOREMOST III" have been examined by the Board of Trade Surveyor and an inclining experiment has been made by the latter. Approval of the inclining experiment results is expected on the 20th instant when the vessel is expected to sail to Toulon. The vessel is to be re-named "CENTAURE" and the new Port of Registry is Toulon. The draughts of the vessel in the leaving condition are 6'-2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " forward and 8'-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " aft. The remaining three vessels will not be sailing for two or three weeks.

It is submitted a French freeboard certificate and copy with a freeboard of 1600 mm. corresponding to a moulded draught of 7'-9 $\frac{1}{4}$ " with a fresh water allowance of 50 mm. for the voyage to Toulon only be forwarded to the Southampton Surveyors for issue when the freeboards have been marked and verified and the Surveyors are satisfied with the preparations for the voyage.

The Southampton Surveyors should be requested to forward particulars of the new names, port of registry, and sailing draughts of the remaining three vessels, when these details are known in order that freeboard certificates may be prepared.

The following cable should be sent to Mr. Taxil:-
"FOREMOST III" freeboard certificate for voyage to Toulon forwarded Southampton tonight".

In confirming the above cable Mr. Taxil should be informed that the certificate now issued to the "FOREMOST III" and those to be issued to the remaining three vessels are for the voyage to Toulon only, and he should ascertain from the new Owners the limited service upon which the vessels will be engaged upon arrival at Toulon in order that the freeboard

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certificates with freeboards corresponding to the increased draughts suitable for the particular service may be issued, and the class of the vessels altered, if necessary.

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