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Lloyd's Register,
PARIS.

25th October, 1923.

Compagnie Africaine d'Armement,
PARIS.

Dear Sirs,

I beg to acknowledge thereceipt of your letter of the 24th instant in which you express the wish to keep for your steamers "DALILA" ex "Capitaine Catinch" and "DORINE" ex "Pierre Allee" only one classification.

I know the principle which has always guided you in the choice of the classification for the vessels belonging to your Company and to the Cie Auxiliaire de Navigation, and I can assure you that your proposal not to retain our class will not in any way alter our reciprocal cordial relations. It will be sufficient for you to forward to our Society a request for the withdrawal of class and the class will be expunged later in the Register Book in conformity with the manner set forth in the Rules on page 34 (key to the abbreviations).

I think it well however to draw your attention to the fact that in the case of the vessels in question is of rather a special kind and that it deserves before a final decision on your part as regards the class, to be particularly taken into consideration.

These two steamers, which are now completed, belonged to an important order of vessels which at the request of

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the French Government were built under the superintendence of Lloyd's Register. On the other hand we have approved the plans which were submitted to us by the builders shewing thereon the alterations which you proposed to be made to these two steamers. In these circumstances and, in view of your intention to retain only one classification, I take the liberty to submit for your consideration that it would be to your advantage to keep for one or the other the classification of Lloyd's Register. Moreover it is the decision taken by other French shipowners in similar circumstances.

We await your reply in the matter and whatever may be the decision you take you may feel assured that we will hasten to do immediately the needful to comply with your wishes.

I am, etc.....



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