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Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

15th December, 1920.

Dear Sirs,

Reverting to your letter of the 7th instant, respecting the whale fishing vessel "SORKA", which you have purchased from Mr. H.N. Henriksen of Tonsberg, Norway, I beg to acquaint you that with a view to meeting your wishes in the matter, I have been in communication with the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen here, and I regret that it does not appear that I can be of any assistance to you in obtaining the registration of this vessel under the Merchant Shipping Act, as the Survey Certificates are required to be signed by British Government Officials.

I may remark that amongst the requirements of the Board of Trade for the purpose of registration, are the measurement of tonnage and the certification of the draft marks, both of which matters are quite outside the functions of this Society, and could not be certified to by the Society's Surveyor at Christiania, in view of the steamer being now at the Falkland Islands.

In the circumstances, I am afraid I can only suggest that you should place yourselves in communication with the Board of Trade, in order to ascertain the Board's require-

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ments for registration in the circumstances you mention.

I hope to be able to write to you in the course of the next two or three days regarding the date of build of the vessel.

I am, Dear Sirs,
Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Messrs. Chr. Salvesen & Co.,
29, Bernard Street,
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