

**COPY.**

*Original Correspondence  
with - Ville de Strasbourg  
(Lm. 89439<sup>a</sup>)*

# Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

Recd. 24.12.25.  
Ansd.

Paris,

23rd December, 1925.

The Secretary,  
London.

S.

Sir,

In reply to your letters of the 7th and 19th instants regarding the S/S. "VILLE DE STRASBOURG", "VILLE DE VERDUN", "VILLE D'AMIENS", "PIERRE LOTI" and "LAMARTINE", I beg to state that owing to the absence of M. Philippar, who is travelling abroad at present I have been received by his Secretary, who is charged with his affairs in his absence and I have discussed the question of the classification of the above mentioned vessels.

I regret to state that the matter is now apparently closed and their decision not to be changed.

The Secretary weighed specially upon the question from the national point of view and pointed out that, by their contract, they are bound to be classed in a French Classification Society, the words "Bureau Veritas" being actually inserted in the contract. Our Society cannot aspire to be a French Classification Society, However he promised to put the matter before M. Philippar, but reminded me that we could count upon no other decision.

As to seeing M. Grosos as regards the first three of the above ships, I have not been able to obtain an interview, but as his vessels are chartered to the Messageries Maritimes for a period of sixteen years.

© 2020  
Lloyd's Register  
Foundation  
007008-007026-0113 1/2



# COPY.

of sixteen years, I cannot see that he can have any say at all in the matter of classification.

To put the matter broadly, the Messageries Maritimes seem to be very tied to the Bureau Veritas and I fear that we will have much difficulty in getting any patronage from them.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

(Sgd) L.G. Demarest.



© 2020

Lloyd's Register  
Foundation

0113 2/2