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The SECRETARY

LONDON.

S/S "VILLE D'AMIENS"

BY VORS:
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Dear Sir,

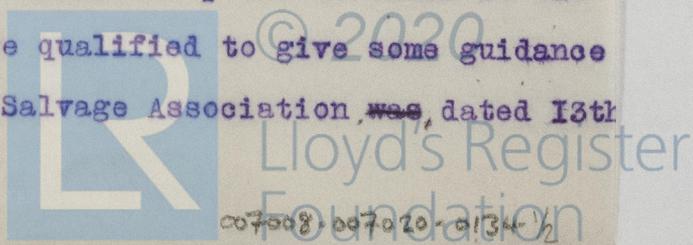
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 5th Inst together with copies of correspondance concerning the "Ville d'Amiens"

When the vessel arrived here in December last, a survey was held by Mr. HAMELIN at the request of Mr BEECHER, Lloyd's Agent and a copy of the report of the survey accompanied Hav. Rpt N°5255.

Subsequently Mr. BEECHER handed me a letter (a copy of which is herewith enclosed) which he had received from the Secretary of the Salvage Association, and other correspondance dealing with this case.

Remarks on this letter were embodied in one addressed from this office to Mr. BEECHER on the 10th (copy herewith), due consideration having been given to the correspondance referred to and to the inference drawn from Sir Joseph Lowrey's letter, viz, that he wished to be more fully informed of the importance of the material depreciation of the Boiler, a purely technical point on which it was felt that the Society's Officers were qualified to give some guidance

A further letter from the Salvage Association, was, dated 13th



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S/S "VILLE D'AMIENS"

13th March (copy herewith) was submitted for my consideration and remarked on in a letter addressed to Mr. BEECHER, on the 26th March (Copy attached) in which we express an opinion as to the value of the actual depreciation of the Boiler, the words "actual depreciation" being intended to refer to depreciation of material of the Boiler itself.

It was felt that as the Society's Surveyors, we could not concern ourselves with depreciation to the vessel arising out of the effecting of the repairs.

I trust that my action in this matter will not be looked upon as one of intervention in a matter of dispute between the Builders and Owners, but rather as a real effort to evade so compromising a position and as a sincere attempt to render to the Underwriters a service which I felt they were entitled to ask of me.

I am very anxious that in the exercise of my discretion in this affair, it will be found possible to continue to accord me that latitude which is essential to making the services of this Office of such value to Lloyd's Agent as to be granted the preference over those of the many independent surveyors in this port, and even those of Salvage Association Surveyors.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours respectfully,

Henry Davies



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Referred to the Chief Ship Surveyor,
and the Chief Engineer Surveyor

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Also for Mr. *W. J. ...* to note

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Yours respectfully,
W. J. ...

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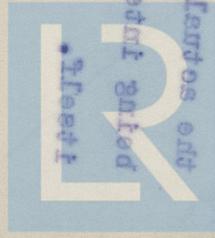
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