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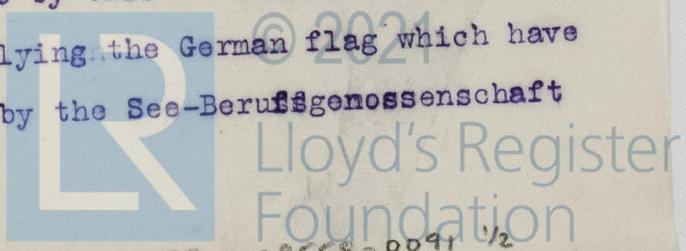
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Hamburg, 27th June, 1931.



Dear Sir,

Reverting to my letter of the 15th instant regarding the re-assignment of freeboard to the motor tanker "JOSIAH MACY" a point has been raised by the See-Berufsgenossenschaft in regard to how the requirements of Rule C, page 126, in the International Convention should be interpreted for the case of this vessel and for the sister ship "SVITHIOD" which had freeboards recently re-assigned under the 1930 Load Line Convention requirements. Obering. Winter of the See-Berufsgenossenschaft stated that the arrangement adopted in the case of the "SVITHIOD", viz. to cut large freeing ports in the existing bulwarks in order to provide an equivalent of Rule C was not in the view of the See-Berufsgenossenschaft a satisfactory one. I informed Obering. Winter that as the vessel is an existing ship the wishes of the Owners to retain the bulwark plating and provide the necessary freeing port area by cutting openings in same had been agreed to by this Society. Obering. Winter stated that all vessels flying the German flag which have been dealt with hitherto by the See-Berufsgenossenschaft



the Owners have been required to remove the closed bulwark plating and fit open rails as required in Rule C. Obering. Winter proposed to take this matter up with the Germanischer Lloyd and thereafter approach the Owners, and in the event of the point of view of the See-Berufsgenossenschaft remaining unchanged it appears that the Owners will be called upon in the case of the "Josiah Macy" to remove the bulwarks and fit open rails. Obering. Winter has promised to advise me when a decision has been come to in regard to this matter. It is not however expected that the decision will be made retrospective and the Owners required to alter the existing arrangements in the case of the motor vessel "SVITHIOD". On this point however I have not at the present time perfectly definite information.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully

A. Chisholm

The Secretary,

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