

Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

2, Laidlaw Building,
Battery Road,

Singapore, 9th, September, 1927



Dear Sir,

S.S. "G.G. Roume"

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th ultimo respecting the Special Survey 2nd No.3 on the above steamer. Mr Mann the Society's Surveyor at Saigon called at this office for a few minutes, stating he had a box at the hotel containing report forms etc & together with the drilling sheets for this vessel & the tamby was sent to collect them. I am sorry to learn he has resigned his appointment with the Society as when in Singapore he was undecided whether to return or not. I have had interviews with the Agents of this vessel in Singapore - The successors of Moine Comte & Co & have looked over some private correspondence between the Owners in Saigon & themselves. There has evidently been some misunderstanding as the Steamer appears to have been laid up from the 22nd April to July 15th 1927 & a sum of \$50,000 spent on repairs & as stated in accordance with Lloyds Specialists instructions. I also noted the screw shaft had been drawn & examined by Lloyds Surveyor. Last year I remember an assistant of the Moine Comte & Co now on leave in Paris, coming to

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me in a very worried state about this vessel having been laid up for survey & they had received a letter from Saigon stating the Lloyds Surveyor now states he has not the authority to carry out this survey & what should they do. Perhaps your letter to Mr Mann may be a reply to his request & you granting him permission to hold this survey. I saw the Agent yesterday & nothing definite could be arranged, as he is writing to Saigon for instructions & I was invited to go to Saigon, & as this is a sea journey of 600 miles, I would welcome the change, but as I have 3 vessels coming under ^{survey} this month it is impossible. I enquired from Mr Bisset the only gentleman I would recommend & he states his fee for a similar job was \$50 per day plus all expenses & the estimated time for the survey would be about 3 weeks. This vessel is under charter to the French Government & the survey will be preferred to be carried out in their own dockyard at Saigon & as soon as I learn what definite arrangements have been made, I will at once let you know. May I respectfully suggest you also take this matter up direct with the Owners in Saigon.

I am, Dear Sir

Yours faithfully

J. H. Matthews

The Secretary

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