

Oil Tanker "VENDEMIATRE" built by Messrs. Deutsche Werft in 1929.

This vessel has recently been built with a view to classification in the Society's Register Book, and fees which amount to £798-0-0, and which are in accordance with the Society's Rules, were charged to the Builders.

The Builders now write regarding the amount of this fee charged, and point out that the vessel was built under the Reparations Scheme and was intended to be built to the Germanischer Lloyd class, and it was not until the vessel was under construction, and a considerable amount of the material delivered, that they agreed, at the request of the Owners, to the vessel being classed with this Society.

They state that in agreeing to build to this Society's Classification in addition to that of the Germanischer Lloyd, they considered that the fees would be reduced accordingly. They particularly call attention to the 50% additional fee which, according to the Society's Rules, is charged for the Special Survey of vessels for carrying oil in bulk, and state that they did not consider this additional fee would be charged in view of the fact that the testing of the tanks was not carried out separately by each of the classification Societies.

It is submitted a copy of the Builders' letter might be forwarded to Mr. Chisholm for his remarks, and he be requested to state at what ^{stage} ~~date~~ the construction of the vessel had arrived ~~at~~ before the survey had been commenced by the Society's Surveyors.

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