

Tugs "ARTHUR BENELMANS" and "VIVI"

The scale fees (based on the Nigerian scale) for the Special Surveys of the above tugs would amount to £150 in the case of the "ARTHUR BENELMANS" and £352 in the case of the "VIVI".

In their assessment of costs per visit to Boma from Lagos, the Surveyors appear to have allowed £150 for air and car fares, £50 for hotel and subsistence, the balance of £150 being fees at £30 per day.

Mr. Lascelles has expressed the opinion that it would be good policy for us to retain our small footing in the Belgian Congo and it is a matter for consideration whether we should not be prepared to carry out these surveys at a purely nominal charge.

On the assumption that each survey could be completed in one visit involving an absence from Lagos of not more than five days and that the out-of-pocket expenses for each visit would not exceed £200, it is suggested that an inclusive fee of £550 might be quoted. (This would mean in effect a return to the Society of £15 per day or approximately 50% of the daily target earning rate).

If this proposal is approved it should be made clear to the Owners that in the event of it not being possible to complete each of the surveys in one visit they will be responsible for the additional travelling expenses incurred as well as a further nominal charge for the Surveyors' services.

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*larger ship
smaller ship
inclusive of expenses*

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