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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

Ocean Chambers, Lowgate,

Hull, 13th January, 1948.

Dear Sir,

"VATNAJOKULL".

We are enclosing a letter sent by the Owners of the above vessel. It is not clear whether this is a copy of a letter to London or it is intended to be sent by us to London.

The circumstances are that the undersigned, at the request of the Owners Agents visited the ship in Grimsby and it was apparent that the cables, which are Pyrotenax, had not, when originally installed, been fitted in accordance with the precautions necessary for the type.

The cable ends were faulty and the resistance low, due it is surmised to the Contractors not being familiar with the necessary procedure.

It is obvious that the Repairers in Reykjavik also were not familiar with Pyrotenax cable when they fitted additional lead covered cables to the steering gear, mentioned in the Owners letter, and had arranged to completely strip the wiring throughout the ship and replace by the ordinary type of cable.

The position was made clear to the local agents and recommendations were made to put the Pyrotenax in order and arrangements made for the Owners Agent to call in the Pyrotenax Representative so that this part of the complaint will be adequately dealt with.

The items mentioned by the repairers, viz: auxiliary engine and windlass seatings will be looked into as soon as practicable.

It is believed that all these items will be placed in order before the vessel leaves and the above information is forwarded in case of any alarming reports having been forwarded to London Office.

Yours faithfully,
The Surveyors,

Per:-

The Secretary,
LONDON.

P.S. It is understood that a sister vessel is being built at the same yard, but we are unable to obtain any further particulars about it.

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Referred to the Chief Engineer Surveyor.

R.S.

also for Mr. Perris to note.

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