

Translation of letter, dated 7th May, 1948, from Messrs. Soc. Anon. Ossude, of Paris, to Messrs. Whites Shipyard (Southampton), Ltd.

Dear Sirs,

Re Classification work on Rockbreaker VII.

We acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th April, 1948.

In our opinion, the work indicated by you must be carried out before the vessel is placed on a slip, as this is the only way to repair the hull under the water line, if necessary, with a stay as short as possible on the slip. We therefore cabled you yesterday as follows:-

AGREED ON EXECUTION OF PRELIMINARY WORK CONTEMPLATED
IN YOUR LETTER 28TH APRIL BUT CONSIDER THIS WORK MUST
BE CARRIED OUT PRIOR TO HAULING VESSEL ON SLIP STOP
LETTER FOLLOWS

We herewith confirm that we agree to the following work:-

- Clearing of coal bunker to permit the survey of these bunkers.
- After survey and any necessary repairs, replacing of coal in bunkers.
- Opening up and drying up of all tanks for cleaning prior to survey.
- Lifting of all movable ceilings in holds and drying up of the latter for examination.
- Fitting of anchor chain and mooring gear for examination.
- Survey of capstan.
- Draining and brushing of deck for examination.



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We insist on the drying up of the lower part of the holds being effected before putting the vessel on the slip.

In the circumstances, kindly advise the date on which vessel is to be placed on the slip.

As for the payment for this preliminary work, we would remind you that we have already received a permit for the purchase of £130 corresponding to the following:-

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| - Moving crane and hauling on slip | £90 |
| - Hire of slip for 7 days | £14 |
| - Return of crane from slip to moorings | £26 |

We are having this sum transferred to the bank indicated by you.

With regard to the balance, it is to be made up as follows:-

(1) Operations set forth in your letter of the 28th April, viz.:

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| - Preparation work for survey | £302 |
| - Renewal of tarpaulins | £22-10s. |

(2) Repairs recommended by L.R.

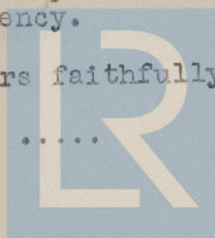
Cost to be determined by you and to be made known to us.

For the sake of convenience, we would like to make one single application to the currency control office for the total sum required for the payment of all this work.

We assume that you will see no objection to putting in hand the work stated in your letter of the 28th without waiting for the corresponding sum to be placed at your disposal, and we ask you to draw up, as soon as possible, ~~an~~ supplementary tender for the work referred to under (2) above.

As soon as these sums have been ascertained, please forward to us a pro-forma invoice, in triplicate, giving a brief summary of the repairs in question. This pro-forma invoice is to enable us to obtain the necessary currency.

Yours faithfully,



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