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my letter of the 23/7/48

Your letter of the 31/7/48

Dear Sir,

I send to you, herewith enclosed, my Reports 8 & 9 N°31 concerning the "SFONN", and the copies of the Certificates I delivered.

As I wrote to you, I easily obtained from the Agents of the Owners and the French Navy a letter asking to me to survey this vessel as she had been pointed to Lloyd's before her adventure; but the Insurance Cies had already appointed Mrs H.B. MYLCHREEST & C^o for putting the two parts of the vessel in good condition for the towing, and their Mr. NOBLE was in BREST.

The Manager of the Arsenal telephoned to me on the 17th that the two boats should be taken out of the dock on the 19th and asked me to come, but I received on the 18th a telegram "Unuseful for you to come - NOBLE qualified for delivering navigability certificate".

I went to Brest and I met Mr. NOBLE, who is quite a Gentleman, and I said to him: "I do not want to interfere with your business; you are quite a sensible man, and I approved all you did for putting these two half boats in good condition for towing, but as Lloyd's Surveyor, I must deliver Certificates and I shall do it; now we can let the Inspector of the Navigation make his choice between your certificate and mine", he agreed at once.

P.T.O.

The Inspector of the Navigation, consulted, replied that the societies are private concerns and that the Classification Societies are legal ;so he could not let the parts of the "KROSSFONN "be towed to Brest if there was not a certificate from the Lloyd's Surveyors.

As you can see, I had to insist for keeping this vessel undamaged, I sincerely hope that Mr. COSLETT will have no difficulty with the Owners for keeping her, but ,anyhow, I do not very well understand the preference of the Insurance people in Brest ,on this subject.

Yours very Faithfully.

John Bunnell

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Referred to Mr. Perris



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