

LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING,

DJAKARTA, Indonesia.

W/AB.

6th March, 1958.

Secretary,
LONDON.

DJAWATAN PELAJARAN VESSELS.

Dear Sir,

A few months ago, it was still impossible to obtain any definite statement or promise with regard to surveys on ships managed by the Djawatan Pelajaran.

The general rumour was that all vessels would be taken out of class (L.R. and B.V.). At the Ministry of Shipping it was stated that indeed such a step had been under consideration for some time, but that no decision had been made, I then applied continuous pressure on the people in charge of various departments, resulting in a number of vessels being submitted for survey. One of these ships, the "Bango" was very much overdue and was relieved by another vessel and directed to Surabaya.

Yesterday I met Mr. Jacobs on his way to Kobe and learned that the "Bango" is indeed at Surabaya, but that no survey is being held, following a statement by the local representative of the Djawatan Pelajaran that all vessels are to be taken out of class.

Today I paid a visit to the Ministry of Shipping and Djawatan Pelajaran Head Office. It was stated that no such decision had been made. In view of this, it becomes a matter of conjecture, from which sources Mr. van 't Hert, the Djawatan Pelajaran's Surabaya representative obtained his instructions.

It might be of further interest to know, that in the course of today's and previous discussions with the Heads of Departments, it became quite clear that closing down our Djakarta Office would probably mean a withdrawal from class of all Djawatan Pelajaran's vessels, as it would not be practicable to carry out all surveys at Surabaya.

I logically followed this up by suggesting once more the Ministry of Shipping provide us with a house. This, however, is beyond their competence.

Today I received your cable of the 3rd instant, which reads:-

"REYRLET 25TH AGREE YOU APPLY EXTENSION PERMIT ONE MONTH EVEN IF SHORT VISIT SINGAPORE NECESSARY THIS PURPOSE STOP RE LAST PARAGRAPH COMMITTEE PREPARED APPOINT BRITISH SURVEYOR DJAKARTA WHEN ASSURED REASONABLE CONDITIONS".

I have started taking steps to obtain an extension for one month. In case I do not succeed in securing accommodation, I propose to stop all surveying work as from April 1st 1958, in order to be able to close our Office, administration and dispose of or arrange storage for our belongings. In that case, it would be of great assistance if you would give me an outline of arrangements to be made in respect of essentials.

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. -----



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