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71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

13th November 1919.

Dear Common,

I have this morning received from Mr. Warlow semi-officially some correspondence respecting the fee for the machinery of the "WAR APPLE". On reference to your reports I find that you appear to have collected £42. 16. 8, and given Glasgow the credit of £21. 8. 4; in this connexion I may say that back in May last the Glasgow Office wrote enquiring what fee should be charged to the Engineers, Messrs. McKie & Baxter, for the engine survey of this vessel, and they were informed that as the estimated gross tonnage was 2500, the fee would be £27.16. 0. Of course the official tonnage measurements were not available at that time. In consequence of our instructions they collected £27. 16. 0 from Messrs. McKie & Baxter, and this was not on their report which you had in your possession.

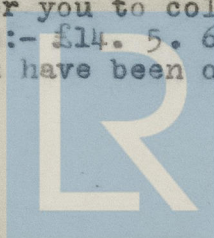
I do not quite see how you have arrived at the sum of £42. 16. 8, which you have entered on your First Entry Report for the survey and installation of machinery, as in accordance with the gross tonnage of this vessel, the fees at 1/4 per ton should be as follows:-

Gross Tonnage 2570 at 1/4.....	£171. 6. 8.
Two-thirds of £171. 6. 8 = fee for the	
survey of the hull.	114. 4. 5.
One-third of £171. 6. 8 = machinery fee.....	57. 2. 3.

The machinery fee of £57. 2. 3 is apportioned thus:-

For the survey of engines.....	£11. 1.
" " " " boilers.....	14. 5. 6.
" " installation on board.....	14. 5. 6.

As, however, Messrs. McKie & Baxter have paid £27. 16. 0 for the survey of the engines, and boilers are British Corporation boilers, there only remained for you to collect the portion for the installation on board, viz:- £14. 5. 6. In these circumstances you will see that Messrs. Finch have been overcharged to the extent



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of £28. 11. 2. I conclude, in view of the way the Secretary Glasgow has written to you, you will be writing officially about the matter, but I thought it well to drop you this note to make clear the points involved.

I take this opportunity to enquire whether Messrs. Finch have paid this fees for the boilers which were fitted into the "WAR FOREST", your report No.19356 and would refer you to the Secretary's letter of the 1st October 1919, on this subject.

You will see from this letter that if this fee has not been paid for the sum of £17. 4. 6 is due, and it occurs to me that as we have an excess payment from the same firm of £28. 11. 2 in respect of the "WAR APPLE", we might credit £17. 4. 6 of this amount to the "WAR FOREST" which would then only leave a balance of £11. 6. 8 to be returned to Messrs. Finch.

I hope this is not too involved for you to adjust, but I think what I have suggested is the best way out of the difficulty.

With kind regards,
Yours faithfully,

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