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Dear Mr. Scott,

Lith FE. Rpt. "G4"
Barge
Tri. 8050.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo regarding the issue of preliminary certificates, and note it is considered advisable that these documents should not be issued in future before the fees are paid.

The statement of Mr. Ives that it was the practice at Trieste never to issue these certificates before payment of the fees appears to be correct in regard to the pre-war period, since the war, however, it has been the practice to issue the certificates without payment of fees.

This practice has become so firmly established that I am afraid we should have some difficulty, and possibly friction, with Builders and Owners in making a change, particularly in view of the fact that the greater proportion of the vessels are dual classed, in which case the accounts for surveys are rendered by the Registro Italiano and the fees collected by them.

In dual classed cases it would be necessary for an arrangement to be made with the Registro Italiano for the prompt collection of fees and, as the fees of the Registro Italiano are not definitely known until the vessel is actually completed, delay in the issue of preliminary certificates would be inevitable.


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As Continental owners appear to require some form of certificate immediately the survey on the vessel is completed, I am afraid the delay in the issue of certificates would meet with much opposition.

In the case of the "Marjan" Barges we could, of course have held the certificates against payment of fees, but the usual local practice was followed in this case also.

In the circumstances, I should be pleased to know whether you desire that, in future, preliminary certificates should not be issued until the fees have been paid.

Yours faithfully,

H. B. Forster


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