

AIRMAIL

Enclosures

4th October, 1949.

Dear Sirs,

Reverting to your letter of the 24th and my reply of the 29th August last regarding the motorships "KUEI MEN" and "CHING MEN", I have now heard from the Hong Kong Surveyors that the outstanding items were not dealt with at their port when the ships passed through en route to the Yangtze River.

The Owners' Superintendent is, however, of opinion that the cargo port dorrs and side scuttles were fitted at Shanghai although Mr. Ritchie, our Surveyor there at the time, is unable to confirm this from memory.

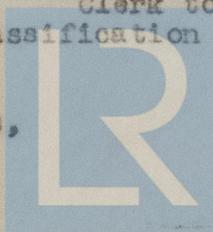
It is reported the ships are now at Chungking so there is no opportunity to verify the statement but, with a view to the issue of the certificates in these cases, the Committee have to-day assigned in each instance the class of ~~SA1~~ "With Freeboard" (For service on the Yangtze River) subject to cargo port doors and side scuttles being examined.

The appropriate certificates are forwarded herewith and it will be noted that certain machinery items required to be examined before the end of August last but it is not proposed to pursue this matter at the present moment as it is obvious there is no opportunity for one of our Surveyors to visit the ships.

Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the
Classification Committee.

The Principal Surveyors,
MONTREAL.



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