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Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday's date. After having thought over it, I concluded that you had taken the wisest course in determining to ask M. Le Laidier, Surveyor to Lloyd's Register, residing at Havre to come to Bayonne to decide the difficulty that has arisen relative to the middle shaft of the S^t. "Amitie".

The report of the engineer on the Machines the boilers, the middle shaft & the new screw will raise all the obstacles of the section 81 page 47 of the Rules of Lloyd's Register, for there are repairs necessary which should be done before the vessel goes to sea.

On the hull of the S^t. "Amitie", there is as I have already said a survey of the bottom because in the requests that have been made to me in the beginning they say that a serious examination of the bottom of this steamer will be ~~held~~ ^{held} to prove that there is nothing broken or indented & also if the bottom as well as the hull of the ship are in good & efficient condition. It is not time for a special survey to be held on the steamer "Amitie" & in ordinary condition, I should not demand the ship

to be placed in dry dock.

It is true that if since the last ~~visit~~^{survey}, which was held in April last, this vessel has run ashore or grounded on a hard bank without the log book mentioning the fact, it was wise of the purchaser of the steamer to exact a strict survey.

Of my survey; as I have said in my last report letter, in regard to the outside, there is very little to put this vessel in a perfect condition. In the interior, I have remarked a complete want of repair & it is necessary to repaint the ribs, corner irons etc etc. But this is a repair of small importance & does not take away a want of rigidity in the structure of the vessel. In consequence once more M. Le. Laidier will admit "that the middle shaft & screw are in a thoroughly efficient state. I shall make a report registering the repairs remaining to be effected in the said steamer a report in which it will be said that the ship could go to take without any danger, a cargo to Spain or on the continent to any of the ports of Great Britain or to any nearer port where there will be a surveyor of Lloyd's Register & I do not doubt that the Committee will retain the class of this ship on the register Book but with the promise that the steamer when she

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arrives at her destination shall complete her survey for what is said above in what concerns the good state of the whole vessel.



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