

Nantes, 19 Nov. 1875.

Translation.

Sir,

22. 11. 75.

Enclosed herewith, is a letter just received from Mr. Dorlan, owner of the Ship "Etoile d'Orient" (Star of the East).

If matters are so, it will be very bad for this Gentleman, as his ship is really in very good condition, and worthy of a better class.

As yet, not being well grounded in all classings of Lloyd's Register I have to ask you, Sir, if it is possible to ameliorate the class of the "Etoile d'Orient", as in my opinion this would only be just.

After having noted, Mr. Pontet's letter, I have returned it to you - The port of St. Nazaire is simply an outer port of that of Nantes, and consequently comprised in our district as Surveyors to Lloyd's Register, and the co-operation of Mr. Pontet, would be of no earthly use to us.

We have taken every precaution to be well informed of all vessels arriving at St. Nazaire & in the ports where we have to survey. Accept my compliments &c. &c.
(Signed) Guibert.

To action
in Nantes
by Nantes.