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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

High Close, Wiltshire Road,
Wokingham, Berks.

5th November, 1940.

Dear Sir,

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With reference to your letter of the 4th September respecting the steamer "MICHAEL JEBSEN", I have to acquaint you that the Committee have today had before them the report which has now been received from the Society's Surveyors at Hong Kong, of their examination of the vessel in June last.

The Surveyors state that a general examination was made in drydock and that repairs or renewals were effected to steering chains, deck and shell plating.

In view of this report, and in accordance with the practice now being adopted in such cases a notation of "Examined L.R.6.40" has been assigned, to indicate that from the parts then seen the vessel was considered to be in a satisfactory condition to trade for a period of six months from that date.

The vessel came under the inspection of the Society's Hull Surveyors early last month, and in reply to enquiry they were informed that there was no question of eventual classification with this Society, as the arrangement referred to above was specifically drawn up to suit the requirements of the Ministry for the maintenance of Danish vessels formerly classed with the Germanischer Lloyd. It was added that the certificate issued at Hong Kong would only be valid until the end of December, so that if the Managers were contemplating a voyage which was likely to extend beyond that time it would be well for them to submit the vessel to a further general examination, as per Circular No.1764, in order to entitle the vessel to another date of "Examined L.R.", which would not, of course expire until six months from the date of survey.

The Hull Surveyors report has now come to hand and it appears therefrom that only alterations to trimming hatches were effected there.

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the Managers to the foregoing effect.

As regards the vessel's freeboard, a load line certificate valid until the 12th December 1940 has been issued, and it is understood that this certificate was placed on board at Hull and that the vessel is expected to return to that port before the end of December when she will be submitted to a further examination for the issue of another certificate valid for six months.

Messrs.D.Alexander & Sons are doubtless already aware of the abovementioned facts.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the
Classification Committee.

The Secretary,
GLASGOW.



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