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Your Ref:
A.G.3.A/WAS/12028.

10th January, 1941.

Dear Sirs,

S. With reference to your letter of the 30th ultimo respecting the fees charged for the classification in the Society's Register Book of the steamer "EMPIRE ELAND" ex "WEST KEDRON", I am directed to explain that the basis of first classification fees varies according to whether the survey is held in America or in this country as you will appreciate that the charges in the United States are correspondingly higher than those obtaining here.

The scales are as follows, namely:-

- (a) When the survey is held in the United States - Three times the amount of a Second Special Survey No.3 as charged on the American basis and
- (b) When the survey is held in this country - 35% of the Rule fees chargeable had the vessel been constructed under the survey of the Society's Surveyors.

In the case under review the Classification Survey was carried out wholly in America and strictly according to the above scale the total fees for hull, machinery and electrical equipment would have been in the region of £350. On consideration, however, of all the circumstances and the number of visits paid the Committee agreed, in this instance, to commute the fee to an inclusive one of £275, and I trust that with this explanation you will be in a position to pass the account for payment.

I am, Dear Sirs,
Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the
Classification Committee.

The Ministry of Shipping,
County Hotel,
BLACKPOOL.