

9th December, 1940.

S Dear Sirs,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 4th instant respecting the account for fees charged for the Classification Survey held on the steamer "EMPIRE ELAND", ex "WEST KEDRON". In reply I have to explain that the agreed procedure for classification fees for all vessels purchased by the Ministry of Shipping from America, is that they should be assessed in the London Office on receipt of the Surveyors' reports. This assessment is carefully calculated on a percentage of the fees which would have been chargeable had the vessel been built to classification.

The fee chargeable in this instance, namely £275.0.0., is inclusive of hull, machinery and electric light, and is based strictly on the scale referred to above, with due regard for the fact that the survey was held in America, where fees are of course correspondingly higher than in this country.

I trust that the above explanation will enable you to pass the account.

I am, Dear Sirs,  
Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the  
Classification Committee.

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