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23rd January, 1918.

Dear Rowell,

A question has been raised with regard to the fees, which you have apparently charged to Messrs. Earle's S:BI & E. Co., Ltd., for the survey of the Admiralty Oiler "FRANCOL".

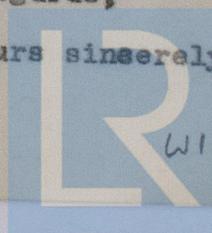
You will see on referance to the official letter, which was sent to you, dated the 6th June, 1916, that an inclusive fee for the survey of the hull and machinery of this vessel was to be charged, and in view of this we are somewhat at a loss to understand why you have apparently rendered an account for the ordinary classification fees for this vessel.

Will you kindly let me have a letter in explanation so that if necessary, the account you have rendered to Messrs. Earle's may be withdrawn.

I may say that the inclusive fee agreed with the Admiralty for the survey of these vessels is £350, for which amount an account was rendered on the 28th December to the Deputy Controller of Auxiliary Shipbuildings, but has not yet been paid.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



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