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19th March 1920.

Dear Sir,

B.E. "WAR CRAFT".

Messrs. The Furness S.E.Co's No.13.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant respecting the Classification Certificates for the above vessel, and in confirmation of my conversation over the telephone to-day I have to inform you that the Society's Surveyors at Middlesbrough were authorised yesterday to issue the certificates in question as it was understood from the Finance Branch, with whom I have been in communication regarding the matter, that the fees would be paid by the Ministry of Shipping in this case.

I may add that I have received a letter from the Society's Surveyors at Middlesbrough this morning, stating that they are informed by Messrs. The Furness Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., that the fees in all cases of "N.1" Type Standard vessels building by them to the order of the Controller General of Merchant Shipbuilding are payable by the Controller. As the previous arrangement with regard to the payment of the fees for this class of vessel was that the Shipbuilders should pay the survey fees for the hull, and the Ministry of Shipping those for the survey of the machinery, I shall be glad to hear whether it is to be now understood that the fees both for the hull and machinery of the "N.1" Type Standard vessels will be paid by the Ministry of Shipping.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

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