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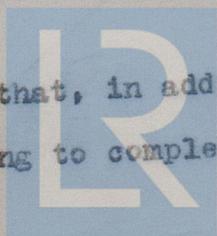
71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

17th October, 1921.

Dear Sirs,

S. With reference to Southampton Report No. 11017 of partial classification survey held on the ex-German Steamer "ARABIC", I have to request that you will state whether you are correct in reporting all the edges of the shell plating as being double riveted, as according to the plan of midship section it would appear that the edges of K strake are treble riveted; whether an efficient hand steering gear or other secondary means of steering is provided and has been examined; whether the engine and boiler spaces, decks and rigging have been examined; whether any signs of weakness were found in the double bottom tanks examined under the heels of the widely spaced pillars; whether the pillaring arrangements, construction of the bulkheads, tunnel and hatches are satisfactory, and whether the capacities of the double bottom and peak tanks may be taken from the particulars given on the outline profile forwarded with your report.

I have to add that, in addition to the items mentioned by you as remaining to complete the survey, it



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would appear that the masts require to be examined from aloft, but I shall be glad also to hear from you on this point.

At the same time I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant respecting the fees to be charged in this case, and in reply to acquaint you that this matter will receive consideration when the classification survey has been completed.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

The Surveyors,
SOUTHAMPTON.



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