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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

26th July, 1921.

Dear Sirs,

I duly received your letter of the 22nd instant, from which I am pleased to note that the White Star Line propose continuing the survey of the steamer "ARABIC", which has been in abeyance since April last.

For your confidential information I have to acquaint you that an unofficial enquiry has been made at the Board of Trade Offices and it would appear that no further application has been received at the Board of Trade for the assignment of a freeboard, but it is possible that the local Board of Trade Surveyors have the case in hand at Southampton and have not yet reported the facts.

I may add that the freeboards used since the vessel was taken over from Germany were based on the original German assignment, and the temporary certificate issued by the Board of Trade expired in February last.

In the circumstances I shall be glad if Mr. Toyne will, in a judicious manner, ascertain locally whether drillings have now been made, in which case he may be in a position to avail himself of this information and only take such additional drillings as may appear desirable

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for the purpose of the Society's classification.

As regards the machinery, I have to acquaint you that the examination of the screw shafts by the Society's Leith Surveyors in March, 1920, will be accepted as part of the survey for classification.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Assistant to the Secretary.

The Surveyors,
SOUTHAMPTON.



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