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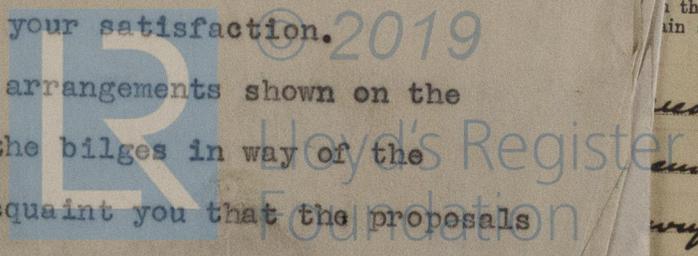
24th January, 1933.

Enclosures.

Dear Sirs,

I duly received Mr. Herbert's letter of the 21st instant enclosing one from the Mercantile Marine Engineering & Graving Docks Co., respecting the Steamer "LEOPOLDVILLE", and note that the Owners propose on the homeward voyage from the Congo to use the foremost deep oil fuel tank for the carriage of palm oil, and a cofferdam is to be constructed to separate this cargo from the oil fuel in the adjacent deep tanks.

It is also observed with a view to avoiding the cleaning of the bilges it is proposed to plate over the frame brackets in way of the foremost deep tank, and to use the new bilge compartment so formed (1) as a dry bilge, or (2) as part of the double bottom; holes being cut in the margin plate for access and drainage.

With regard thereto I am directed to state that the scantlings and arrangements of the proposed new cofferdam bulkhead as shown and amended on the plan will be approved, provided they be carried out to your satisfaction.

With regard to the arrangements shown on the sketch for the construction at the bilges in way of the foremost deep tank, I have to acquaint you that the proposals

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s shown and amended will be approved. You should, however,

irect the attention of the Owners to the necessity for making

rrangements so that the under surface of the double bottom

lating shall not be subjected to undue pressure when the

ouble bottom tanks are being filled with oil fuel.

As desired, I have wired you today as per the

nclosed translation.

Two copies of each of the plans forwarded by you

re beturned herewith, and the remaining copies are being

retained for reference.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

The Surveyors,

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