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30th July, 1931.

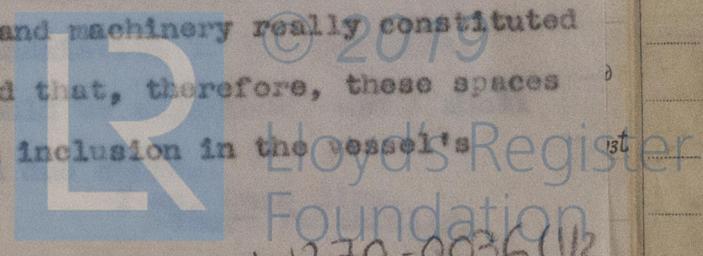
Dear Sirs,

I duly received Mr. Dippie's letter of the 23rd instant enclosing one from the Furness Shipbuilding Co.Ltd., regarding the fee charged for the Special Survey during Construction in the case of their Yard No. 189, S.S. "VESTFOLD" - Middlesbrough First Entry Report No. 14446.

It is observed that the fee for Special Survey of hull as noted on the First Entry Report, namely £801-3-9, was based on an estimate received from the Builders of the British measurement of tonnage, but that the Builders desire that the fee may be charged on the official gross tonnage as measured by the Norwegian Authorities.

The matter has been very carefully looked into and the cases of previous similar vessels have been considered, and I am directed to request that you will inform the Builders as follows:-

The case of vessels of this type was considered by the Board of Trade in 1929, when it was decided that the space occupied by the flensing boilers and machinery really constituted a factory on board the vessel, and that, therefore, these spaces might reasonably be exempted from inclusion in the vessel's tonnage measurement.



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When a decision of this character has been made by the Board of Trade, it is the practice to communicate with other Governments concerned, and in the case of the "VESTFOLD", which has been measured by the Norwegian Authorities, the space has been exempted from measurement in accordance with the British practice.

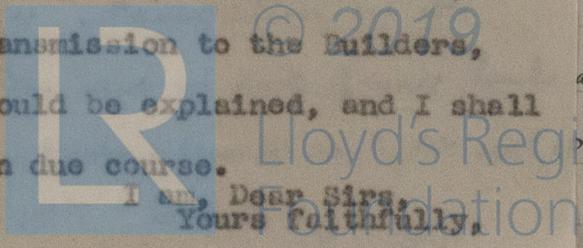
In these circumstances the fee to be charged in the case of the "VESTFOLD" should be based on the actual tonnage assigned to the vessel by the Norwegian Authorities, namely 14577, and an amended account should be rendered to the Shipbuilders accordingly.

With regard to the further statement that the Builders remark that the same question applies in the case of their Yard No. 158 ("SIR JAMES CLARK ROSS") - Middlesbrough First Entry Report No. 14181 - I have to inform you that in the circumstances it has been decided to refund the excess amount charged in that case. The fee actually paid for Special Survey during construction of hull was £801-3-9, based on a gross tonnage of 16,730. The gross tonnage actually assigned by the Norwegian Authorities was 14362, on which basis the hull fee would amount to £756-15-9.

In the circumstances a cheque for the difference, namely £44-8-0, is enclosed for transmission to the Builders, to whom the whole circumstances should be explained, and I shall be glad to receive their receipt in due course.

The Surveyors,
MIDDLESBROUGH.

I am, Dear Sirs,
Yours faithfully,



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