

31st. October

28.

Messrs. Fyfe, Maclean & Co.,

GLASGOW.

Dear Sirs,

Clyde Shipbuilding & Engineering Co. Ltd. (in Liq.):

Your favour of the 29th. inst. is to hand. -

From what we have learned from Lloyd's Register of Shipping Offices here, Lloyd's Head Office in London has retained the Certificates for the s.s. "ZONNEWIJK", because the Clyde Shipbuilding has not paid the fees. Whether Lloyd's is correct in doing so, we beg to doubt.

It was our wish that the steamer should be built under Lloyd's special survey and classed A.I. Lloyds. The builders had to deliver us the steamer with the certificate of Lloyd's. This certificate, however, is never being handed over immediately after the trial trip; it generally takes one to two weeks to have the document in order.

The position is thus, that we have to claim the certificate from the Clyde Shipbuilding Co., and that Lloyd's has to claim the fees from the Clyde Shipbuilding Co., who requested Lloyd's to attend to the vessel's building and classification.

Another question is, whether it is correct for Lloyd's to withhold the certificate. We would put the question like this "does the ship deserve the certificate or not?" If there is nothing in the construction of the ship to make the ship unworthy of the A.I. class, the certificate should be given to the ship, which would not weaken Lloyd's position against the builders as to the payment of the fees.

The attitude Lloyd's is taking up in this case, causes a hesitation to run the risk of a recurrence, having vessels built in the U.K., under Lloyd's classification.

Yours faithfully,



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