

Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

342, Argyle Street, Glasgow

12th January, 1918.

Dear Sir,

In reply to the Secretary's letter of the 10th inst. with further reference to the coating of the inner bottom of the S.S. "POLYCARP", Messrs. Barclay, Curle & Co's No. 540, I beg to state that as the date of the launch was at that time fixed for about the middle of December the bitumastic work was carried out with despatch, the men working over-time and throughout Saturday and Sunday.

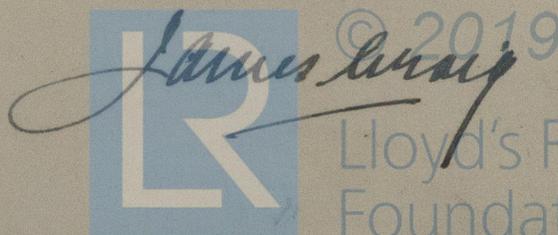
The Builders received the Committee's instructions on the 5th inst. but by that date the coating of the double bottom of the Engine and Boiler spaces was practically completed. I have to add that in the first instance I informed the Owners' resident inspector that it was unusual to apply bitumen to the inside of the Bottom plating in the Engine and Boiler Room tanks and that I would require to submit the matter for the consideration of the Committee.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

The Secretary,

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