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20th April, 1923.

Dear Mr. French,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, with enclosures, regarding the desire of Mr. Daniel H. Cox, of Messrs. Cox & Stevens, that a motor yacht which is being constructed to their design by Messrs. Fried, Krupp, Aktiengesellschaft Germaniawerft, Kiel, Germany, should be inspected by this Society's Surveyors on completion and a certificate furnished in accordance with an escrow agreement made between the owners and the builders.

The matter has received careful consideration, and I have the pleasure to say that, as desired, the Society's Surveyors at Hamburg are being requested to carry out the desired survey.

As regards the form of certificate which is prescribed in paragraph 7, page 4, of the escrow agreement, I have to say that it is considered that it would be preferable that this certificate should be issued with the signatures of the Surveyors who have actually inspected the yacht, and it is not understood why there should be so much urgency as to require advice of the satisfactory completion of the vessel to be cabled to New York as you suggest. If, however, it is

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essential that the information should reach New York so promptly as to preclude the possibility of the actual certificate signed by the Society's Surveyors at Hamburg reaching New York, instructions will be given to the Surveyors in question to telegraph to this office as soon as the yacht has been satisfactorily completed with a view to a corresponding cablegram being forthwith despatched to you from London so that you will be able to issue a certificate. In that case the certificate must be given on form No.10.

It is observed that, although this Society's classification is not desired, it embodies not only constructional details relating to the hull and machinery but also details of the fittings, electric installation, etc., and in all the circumstances it is considered that the fees for the Society's services should be as follows, hull £64, machinery £41, total £105.

In the circumstances, I am forwarding to Mr. Dykes, the Society's Principal Surveyor at Hamburg, the building contract, specifications, and the contract plans which you have forwarded, and requesting him to arrange for the survey to be proceeded with. I am at the same time informing Mr. Dykes that the documents forwarded must be treated by him as absolutely confidential. The escrow agreement does not appear to concern the Society's Surveyors at Hamburg, and I have accordingly retained in this Office the copy which you have sent.

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I enclose for your information a copy of the letter which I have addressed to Mr. Dykes, and I shall be glad to hear from you further in due course as to whether circumstances will admit of the receipt in New York of a certificate signed by the Hamburg Surveyors upon the completion of the vessel.

It is desired that you will be good enough to obtain *and forward* a formal request for the Society's survey in this matter on form No.8a.

Yours faithfully,

James French, Esq.,
NEW YORK.



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