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16th November, 1933.

Dear Mr. French,

steamers "CHARLES PRATT" & "F.Q. BARSTOW"

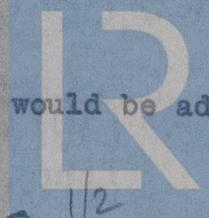
With reference to your official letter of the 30th August last enclosing one from Mr. C. J. Hudson, together with various reports and micrographs in connexion with the investigations into the corrosion and cracking of plates in the above vessels, I think you will be interested to read a report prepared by Mr. Ripley, Special Surveyor for Steel at Middlesbrough, on this subject, together with micrographs made by him, and I therefore enclose copies herewith.

I think also that you would like to see the endorsement prepared on this case by Dr. Montgomerie, and I am therefore sending a copy of this.

You will observe on comparing Mr. Ripley's report with that prepared by Mr. H. F. Norton, Naval Architect, embodying the conclusions reached by Mr. R. L. Angell, Metallurgist, that there is a very wide divergence, and I need hardly say that our Technical Staff are of opinion, and I am sure you yourself will agree, that Mr. Ripley's report expresses the facts correctly.

We think that it would be advisable for you to

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take a convenient opportunity of seeing Mr. Robert L. Hague personally and bring to his notice the results of Mr. Ripley's investigation.

We do not intend that this should be done in any spirit of criticism, but in view of the Standard Shipping Co., being such excellent clients of ours we feel that we should give them all the assistance we can in matters of this nature, and at the same time it will serve to show the technical resources which are at the disposal of the Committee of Lloyd's Register for investigations of this kind.

I am sure that you will be able to make the most of this opportunity to impress upon Mr. Hague the value to shipowners of the knowledge and experience which the Committee of this Society have at their command.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

James French, Esq.,

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