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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

2nd August, 1933.

Dear Sir,

With reference to Newport News Report No.4758 on the steamer "CHARLES PRATT", I have to inform you that it would be advantageous in this case if the Surveyor would furnish the following information:-

- (1) If, in his opinion, the fracture of the bottom plating was caused in any sensible degree by the pitting of the plating to which he refers in his report.
- (2) If, in his opinion, the fracture was caused by any increased loading over the loading which was permitted by the freeboard rules and regulations of 1906, or any excess over that recently approved in terms of the International Load Line Convention.
- (3) He should indicate, if he can, the average conditions of loading of this vessel, together with any maximum loading such as the ship would be subjected to when engaged in coastwise service.
- (4) He should be requested to state if he has any information about the ballast loading employed in this ship.
- (5) A small sample of the fractured plating immediately contiguous to the fracture itself should, if possible, be forwarded to this Office.

I shall be glad if you will arrange for the requisite information to be furnished.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

James French, Esq.,

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