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Enclosure.

6th October, 1920.

Dear Sirs,

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I have to acquaint you that from communications received from the Ministry of Shipping, it appears that the following ex-German Vessels have arrived, or are due to arrive, in the Firth of Forth, viz:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>No. in R.B.</u>	<u>Managers</u>
Steamer " <u>SPES</u> "	72978	Messrs. James Cormack & Co. Leith.
Steamer " <u>MUNSTERLAND</u> "	Not in R.B.	Messrs. Alfred McIntosh & Co. Leith.
Sailing Ship " <u>HANSA</u> "	42474	Messrs. Alfred McIntosh & Co. Leith.

The Ministry state that it is the present intention to lay these vessels up pending sale, and desire that a Condition Survey be held in each case sufficient to enable you to report upon the general condition of the ship, without going to the expense of opening up or drydocking, and I have to request that you will give the cases the necessary attention.

With regard to the "MUNSTERLAND", I have to add that this vessel has been surveyed by Mr. Noton at Hamburg, and I enclose herewith a copy of the report issued by him on the Steamer. In the circumstances, I shall be glad if you will kindly take the matter up with the Managers

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with a view to ascertaining whether the survey for classification should be proceeded with in addition to the Condition survey required by the Ministry, and if so, you should at once place yourselves in communication with this Office, when information regarding the vessel's scantlings would be supplied for your guidance in carrying out the survey.

As regards the Sailing Ship "HANSA", I have to acquaint you that this would appear to be the first ex-German Sailing Ship which has been surrendered, and your inspection of the vessel should include the examination of the masts, spars, rigging and sails. In other respects the examination of the hull should be similar to that set forth in the instructions regarding ex-German Steamers, and if the vessel has a donkey boiler this should also be inspected.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

The Surveyors,
LEITH.

Secretary.



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