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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

12th July, 1929.

Dear Sir,

I duly received your letter of the 9th instant, enclosing one addressed by the Owners of the steamer "MANX ISLES" to the Chantiers Navals Franco-Belges, and with regard thereto I shall be glad if you will inform the Chantiers Navals Franco-Belges that the alterations to the steamer "MANX ISLES" for the purpose of carrying molasses in bulk were carried out by Messrs. Smiths Dock Co., of North Shields.

In regard to their enquiry relative to the riveting I have to acquaint you that according to the first entry report on the vessel when built, the seams of the shell plating are double riveted throughout, and according to the plans approved when the alterations were effected, the seams of the fore and aft bulkhead, and also of the additional transverse bulkheads fitted, were double riveted.

The vessel has been lying up for some time past, and the Special Annual Survey of the Boilers has been allowed to be postponed, as it was intended either to break her up or to dispose of her for further service as a depot ship. Some repairs are necessary to damaged bottom plating, etc., and I shall be glad to learn, in the event of the Owners deciding to employ the steamer again, what is to be

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done regarding these matters.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the
Classification Committee.

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