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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.

11th May, 1917.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of the two
S. following messages from Mr. French at Halifax, N.S., viz:-

- (1) "BIRCHLEAF ENGINE RAISED ELEVEN SIXTEENTHS FORWARD FIVE SIXTEENTHS INCHES AFT QUARTER INCH PLATE FULL AREA UNDER THRUST BLOCK TWENTY SIX CAST IRON CHOCKS FITTED UNDER BED PLATE AND NEW WOOD PACKING STOP THIS DONE BEFORE SALMON SURVEYED VESSEL STOP CAPTAIN WAITING INSTRUCTIONS TO PROCEED NEW YORK."
- (2) "BIRCHLEAF CAREFULLY EXAMINED RIVETING ENGINE THRUST SEATINGS INSIDE ENGINE BANK AND SHELL IN WAY ENGINE SPACE FOUND SAME ABSOLUTELY SOUND NO SIGNS OF STRAINING NOR WEAKNESS STOP CANTILEVER TRANSVERSES SUPPORTING DECK APPEAR SUFFICIENT RIVETING OF SAME SOUND STOP MY OPINION ADDITIONAL BRACKETS NOW FITTED IN BACK NOT NECESSARY."

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Assistant to the Secretary.

The Secretary,
NEW YORK.



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