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29th April 1932,

Messrs. BETHYANIS & KULUKUNDIS, Ltd.,
Holland House, 32, Bury street,
LONDON, E.C.3.

Dear Sirs,

s/s "VIRGINIA MAVROLEON"

We beg to confirm telegrams exchanged =

"VIRGINIA ARRIVED LAPALICE ROADS FEAR WILL NOT ENTER
LA ROCHELLE DOCK ACCOUNT UNSUFFICIENT WATER BEFORE SUNDAY",

"MAVROLEON COLLIDED WOODEN WHARF ROCHEFORT DAMAGING
"SLIGHTLY WHARF AND HERSELF STOP SURVEY HELD TOMORROW MORNING WITH
"LLOYDS AGENT WIRE INSTRUCTIONS,

We have received both your wires of even date as follows =

"MAVROLEON UNNECESSARY SURVEY SHIP UNLESS SEAWORTHINESS
"AFFECTED WILL WIRE LATER REGARDING WHARF,

"MAVROLEON UNITED KINGDOM CLUB INSTRUCTED THEIR AGENT DEAL
"WITH THIS MATTER", and we have replied this afternoon as follows=

"VIRGINIA SEAWORTHINESS NOT AFFECTED ONLY ONE PLATE BENT".

COLLISION AT ROCHEFORT - We heard last night, from the
Marine Authorities, that when going out from the dock, your steamer
had collided with wooden wharf damaging same, and that a survey would
be held this morning.

We immediately got in touch with your Master, whose steamer
had arrived in La Pallice roads, and he confirmed to us the above
statement, adding he was writing you fully direct about it.

The steamers' Underwriters being LLOYDS, we asked their
Agent for Rochefort District, Mr. WILLIAMSON of Tonnay-Charente,
to assist your Master at the survey which took place this morning
on the spot. To speak the truth, the damage does not look to be a
very serious one, only a few pieces of wood (stanchions) have been..

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....broken and the wharf itself moved by about one foot. *This*

according to Master's report
of According to your telegram, we are now trying to catch hold/the agent of your Protection Club, whom we do not know but no doubt this Gentleman, according to the instructions he has received from London, will shortly communicate with us in this connection, when we shall put the case entirely in his hands.

Meanwhile, as far as the steamer herself is concerned, she has only, above floating line, only one plate slightly bent and she will not need any repairs.

On the other hand, we are in touch with the Harbour Authorities at La Rochelle and we hope your steamer will be able to enter the dock tomorrow afternoon, Saturday, when we will immediately advise you.

We thank you for your letter 27th instant, and for your cheque for Frs. 5000, N° 51.978, on Banque des Pays du Nord, Paris, and we are putting this amount to the credit of your account.

Meanwhile, we take it our telegram 27th reached you somewhat mutilated as we had been asking you to forward us Frans. 50,000 and not Frs. 5,000. In fact, we have still to send to ROCHEFORT Frs. 20,000 for covering the balance of the disbursements in that place and we shall require about 25/30,000 francs for the expenses at LA ROCHELLE. Please therefore do the needful to let us have on receipt of this letter, if you have not done it before, the balance asked for, vis 45,000 or at least Frans. 40,000.

Thanking you in anticipation, we remain,

yours truly,

J. Rethymnis



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