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15th, August, 1916.

The Secretary,
Lloyds Register of Shipping,
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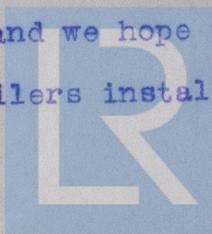
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Dear Sir,

We have, at the present moment, under construction at Alloa, 5 Cargo Steamers, all being built more or less on the same lines. When the Yard, which was recently purchased by us, was taken over, the first boat was being constructed under British Corporation Rules, for both Ship and Machinery, and arrangements were made to classify the other Vessels under the same Register.

In order to give quick delivery of the first boat, we found it necessary to purchase Machinery which was already under construction by the North Eastern Marine Engineering Co. Ltd., Wallsend-on-Tyne, under your survey, and we arranged, in addition, to have this also classified by the British Corporation.

The first ship will be launched approximately on the 30th. of this month, and we hope to hand the Vessel over, with Engines and Boilers installed, at the end of



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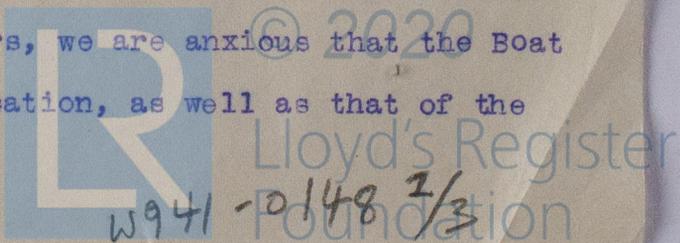
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September. Seeing, however, that the Engines and Boilers have been built under your Survey, we have considered that it might be an advantage to have the Ship also, complete with her Machinery, classified by Lloyds to their highest Class, and for the purpose of ascertaining whether your Register would be prepared to classify the Vessel and the succeeding Vessels, our Representative called at your Offices this afternoon and saw Mr. Charles Fowling, leaving with him the General Arrangement and Midship Section of the first Vessel, and as much of the Hull Specification as we have had typed up to the present time. The remainder will be forwarded to you to-morrow.

We shall be glad to know what modifications, if any, you require to be carried out to the Vessel, in order to obtain the necessary Classification with you, which modifications, by the way, should be such as would not delay delivery of this first Ship, the delivery being guaranteed for this Vessel under heavy penalties, stating also what your Fees would be, seeing that the Vessel has been practically completed under British Corporation Survey, and that the Machinery is being constructed under your own Survey.

We would also point out that the Purchasers of this Vessel have not asked for the Vessel to be classified by Lloyds, but for our part, as Builders, we are anxious that the Boat should bear Lloyds Classification, as well as that of the



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British Corporation.

In the case of the remaining Boats, naturally, we shall have more time to introduce any modifications that you may consider desirable, but in the case of the first Boat we would ask you to give special attention to the fact of the necessity of not asking for modifications which would delay the delivery, under the present exceptional circumstances.

If you decide to classify this Boat, the particulars of the remaining boats, which are about 20 feet longer, will be forwarded to you in due course.

As the matter is urgent, we should much appreciate your early decision.

Yours faithfully,

FOR
THE FORTH SHIPBUILDING AND ENGINEERING COMPANY, LIMITED.

W. J. G. G. G.
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