

AIR MAIL **COPY**

Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

ENCLOSURE

6th November, 1947.

Dear Sirs,

Reverting to your letter of the 20th August raising comment on the fees charged at Casablanca in respect of the survey for classification on your steamer "CAID ALLAL", I beg to acquaint you that the matter has been carefully reviewed in conjunction with remarks received from Lloyd's Agents at Casablanca, who appointed the Surveyor and arranged matters on behalf of this Society.

In reply, I would point out that Messrs. L. Barber Ltd. are the Agents of the Corporation of Lloyd's and not of Lloyd's Register, and although we do utilise their services in the appointment of Surveyors to undertake minor classification surveys for this Society, it is not my Committee's practice to authorise them to appoint their own Surveyor or Surveyors for surveys of such major importance as the first classification survey required in the case under review.

With regard to your statement that you were not aware of the Committee's decision that an Exclusive Officer from Lisbon should join the local Surveyor in carrying out this important survey, I can only remark that your local Office must have given assent thereto as instructions were not sent to the Lisbon Surveyor to join until Lloyd's Agents had received an assurance from them that the Surveyor's fees and expenses would be guaranteed. Such assurance was received in a cablegram from Lloyd's Agents on the 6th February last and the Surveyor duly made the journey by air a few days later.

The charges made under this latter heading are considered to be moderate having regard to the time Mr. Guthrie, the Lisbon Surveyor in question, was away from his port. Moreover, the fees of Mr. Bachellerie, the local Surveyor appointed by Lloyd's Agents, are also considered very reasonable in relation to the time spent on the job which included the preparation of plans as your local office had insufficient technical knowledge to undertake this work.

The Committee consider, therefore, that the account, which I return herewith, is fair and reasonable and I trust that upon reflection, and after consultation with your Casablanca Office, you will agree with this view and arrange for its settlement.

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As regards the position of classification in this case, the Surveyors report that certain items have been left over for attention not later than February next, but meantime the Committee have assigned a provisional class of 100A- "With Freeboard" (Classification Contemplated) in association with the record of "Examined 2,47." valid until the end of February next.

As soon as the following items have been dealt with she will be entitled to full classification and the notation of "Classification Contemplated" will be deleted, viz:-

Renewal or doubling of the thin second deck stringer plating for 3/5 length amidships port & starboard.

The fitting of doubling plates at the corners of Nos.1, 2 & 3 hatchways on the 2nd deck.

The fitting of valves controlled from the weather deck to the bilge drain pipes at the watertight bulkhead between Nos.1 & 2 holds.

I would remark that the equipment of anchors and chains on board is substantially less than that required by the Rules, so that the assignment of the figure '1' for equipment in her class has been deferred until such time as it is brought up to accord with the requirements of the Rules.

As regards the machinery, a record of LMC (Lloyd's Machinery Certificate) 2,47. together with a notation of S. (shaft seen) 12,46. have been assigned.

Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the
Classification Committee

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