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71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

6th February, 1946.

Dear Sirs,

With reference to my cablegram of the 25th ultimo requesting you to take no action for the time being on my letter of the 22nd January on the motorship "FOZ DO DOURO", I think it well to let you know that the question of the appropriate entry of this vessel in the Society's Register Book is being submitted to the General Committee of the Society at their meeting on Thursday, the 14th instant.

At the same time I have for acknowledgment your letter of the 19th ultimo regarding this vessel's freeboard and in reply have to say that application was made to the Builders for particulars of the original sail area. In reply they state that unfortunately all records of the vessel were destroyed during the war.

I enclose, however, a print of the spar plan obtained from the records in this Office, and have to say that from a calculation now made here the total sail area was 32,200 sq. ft. By removing the royals and skysails on the fore mast, main mast and mizzen mast, together with the spanker and staysails on the jigger mast the foregoing sail area would be reduced to 25,000 sq. ft.

The Load Line Convention Rules do not stipulate, for any vessel, a minimum total area of sail which the vessel must carry in order that she may be considered fit for navigation under sail alone.

The opinion of this Society, in which the British Government Authorities concur, is that this vessel, if provided with a total area of sail of 25,000 sq. ft. is suitable for navigation under sail alone, in which case the assignment of sailing ship freeboards will be appropriate.

I shall be glad if you will hand the enclosed print to the Portuguese Authorities and submit the matter to them for their decision as to the type of load line certificate to be issued in this case.

I think it well to add, however, that as the case of this ship is being submitted to the General Committee

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for their decision as to her description in the Register Book and the Section or Sections in which her name should appear, you should warn the Portuguese Authorities that this decision might have some bearing on the type of load line certificate to be issued.

I will of course advise you immediately after the General Committee.

Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the Classification Committee

The Surveyors,
LISBON.



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