

13th May, 1948.

Dear Mr. Townshend,

We are finding some difficulty in assigning class to the American built CI-M-AVI motorship "SOMMEN" which was put through first survey for classification with this Society at Helsingborg from November to March last, their Report No.1868.

The hull is in order except that we should like to know the overall length and have particulars of the coating on the inner surfaces of the bottom.

As regards the machinery, however, Mr. Sjogren has forwarded first entry machinery and electric light reports together with a Rpt.9 of the partial LMC survey held.

So far as the latter report goes, he states that the safety valves of the steam generator will require to be adjusted to 100 lb. per square inch, and the oil fuel installation examined under working conditions. It is understood that this will be done at an American port shortly. There is also a recommendation that the propeller shaft should be renewed before the end of July 1948.

On looking into the preliminary correspondence, I find that I wrote you on the 10th September last to the effect that there was no available information in this Office in regard to the machinery, and that particulars and sizes of the shafting and any available machinery plans should be forwarded.

Presumably there were none available but Mr. Ferguson has countersigned an endorsement from the Engineers' Reports' Department asking for drawings of the following:-

- (a) Pumping arrangements.
- (b) Shafting or full particulars of flywheel and balance weights.
- (c) Air receivers.
- (d) Steam generators (Donkey Boiler)

and I was wondering whether there was any possibility of these being obtained.

Yours sincerely,

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