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A. FAROULT.
Courtier Maritime,
Rouen.

May 1st. 1923.

Messrs. The Pelton Steamship Company Ltd.
Milburn House,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Private.

Dear Sirs,

ss. "ZELO". (Grab Damage-Wooden Covering Of Tunnel And
Water Ballasts).

Referring once more to this question with which the GRANDE CARUE is at present pestering the various brokers, I beg to inform you that on the above steamer's arrival here I received the usual letter of reserves from the GRANDE CARUE saying, as customary, that she would not be held liable (should damages occur to the tank tops or to the tunnel as neither were protected) as usual, I replied rejecting these reserves saying that the plating of the tunnel and of the tank tops was thicker as per Lloyd's Regulations and with its approval and that therefore I would hold the GRANDE CARUE responsible should anything occur to the said tank tops and tunnel of your above named ship.

You will please find herewith in communication the second letter the G.C. wrote me on the subject and you will gather from same that she maintains her point of view and grounding her denial of liability on the fact that the LLOYD has recommended the covering of tunnel and tank top plating, she is determined and resolved in future to refuse liability until the Lloyd, as she says "will have changed this recommendation into an obligation,

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a compulsion".

I made free to trouble you again with this question as we are bound to have trouble shortly with the G.C. and probably serious trouble too as I must tell your good selves that, on Saturday night one steamer consigned to me (not one of yours) had one of her tunnel plates WITHOUT COVERING slightly cracked and that the GRANDE CARUE notified me that she would effect the repairs for the account of the responsible party.

I wonder if this means that the GRANDE CARUE intends bringing the question of the wooden coverings of tunnel and tank tops to our French Tribunal of Commerce and in fact, I have reasons to think she is but waiting a good opportunity of trying and do it.

Of course any suggestion and instructions as regards grab damages in general and damages to tunnel and plates of your ships particularly will be received with pleasure and followed strictly.

Believe me, dear Sirs, with anticipated thanks,

Yours faithfully,

André D'Anjou,

p. A. Faroult.



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