

Translation.

GRANDE CARUE.

Monsieur A. Faroult,
Courtier Maritime,
ROUEN.

Dear Sir,

We hasten to reply to your letter of even date, the contents of which we cannot agree to. The extra thickness of the plates gives only one result, which is to obviate to a certain extent the indenting of the plates, which without it would be too weak, but it cannot obviate the buckling and twisting.

The sheathing recommended by the Society for Classification of Ships can only avoid such inconvenience in the case of colliers, and it is for this reason that we have decided to protect ourselves in the future with this recommendation, pending the time same becomes a regulation.

Yours faithfully,



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