

ON
Générale
NTIQUE

Paris, 21 1st May 1948

to LLOYD'S REGISTER
PARIS

Dear Sirs,

"SAINT BERTRAND"

Tonnage

The Compagnie Générale Transatlantique is negotiating with the French Government the purchase of the "SAINT-BERTRAND".

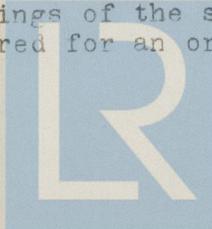
This cargo, ex german cargo "CHEMNITZ" was, when built in 1929, of the Shelterdeck type.

During the war, when she was sailing under the British flag, a certain number of alterations have been made in the upper tween-deck (Shelterdeck) : the watertight bulkheads between Nos 1 and 2 holds, and between Nos 4 and 5 holds were lengthened and all the openings existing in the other bulkheads of the shelterdeck were closed.

Owing to the above alterations, the French Custom House does not recognize the figure of tonnage originally determined.

Before undertaking to put again premises in order in accordance with the arrangements which were existing when built, we would like to know whether the "SAINT BERTRAND" can be authorized to navigate as an ordinary cargo-vessel.

Our Représentative at St-Nazaire, who has had an opportunity to speak about this question with your local Surveyor, writes to us that the latter would be of the opinion that the scantlings of the ship appear to comply with the conditions required for an ordinary cargo-ship.



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We should be much obliged if you would let
that you share his views in the matter, and I
would like to be advised of the nature and im-
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The "SAINT BERTRAND" being presently und-
tant repairs at St Nazaire, we should be grat-
would let us know your décision as soon as po-
that the alterations which we would be compe-
out on this vessel do not prolongate the vess-
vity beyond the time contemplated.

We are, Dear Sirs, etc.....

(Signature : DIRECTEUR



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