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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

Dear Sir,

18th November, 1935.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 13th and 15th instant and telegram of to-day regarding the transfer of the ships "FOREMOST III", "JAMES NO. 64", "JAMES NO. 65" and "ERNI" to the French Flag and in confirmation of my telegram to you this afternoon, I have to inform you that a French Freeboard Certificate for the first named ship in the new name of "CENTAURE" and port of Toulon, valid for the voyage to Toulon, is being forwarded to the Society's Surveyors at Southampton tonight for issue when the freeboards assigned for the voyage have been marked and verified, and when they have satisfied themselves regarding the preparations made for the voyage.

It is understood that the remaining three ships will not be leaving Southampton for two or three weeks and the corresponding certificates for these cases will be issued in due course.

I shall be glad if you will ascertain from the new owners the limited service upon which these vessels will be engaged upon arrival at Toulon in order that freeboard certificates with freeboards corresponding to draughts suitable to the increased service may be issued and, if necessary, the particulars of the service may be altered, and, if necessary, the class of the vessels altered.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

Taxil, Esq.,
PARIS.

Assistant Secretary.