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LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING,

PARIS.

The Secretary,
LONDON.

23rd April, 1947.

Dear Sir,

I duly received your letter of the 17th ultimo, with enclosure, regarding the question of cargo battens which were omitted during the War, as an economy measure in the use of timber on five vessels (ex "EMPIRE") belonging to the French Government, the contents of which had been noted.

In reply thereto, I beg to inform you that the Marine Marchande Department, circulated last year, to the Managers of their vessels, a general letter instructing them to provide the ships with all the fitments required by the recognized Society's of Classification and authorizing them to fit those which are, not required, but recommended by the Classification Society's; and, in their opinion, this circular covers the cargo battens.

The Marine Marchande Department noted that the Managers of the five vessels concerned have been communicated with, in the matter, by the Society's Head Office in London; and it is assumed that you have received their respective replies.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd). J. TAXIL.

No reply received from managers to cargo battens circular.