

Translation of letter dated 23rd April, 1947, from Messrs.  
E. Merigot & Cie., to the Society's Office at Algiers.

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Dear Sirs,

Re s.s. "SAINTE BERNADETTE."

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant, informing us of the instructions received by you from London with regard to the sounding of the deck plating and the anchor test of the above mentioned vessel.

As we intend shortly to have the wine tanks covered internally, which work had not been done during the overhaul at Algiers, we are quite willing to stop the vessel at the first opportunity and to have the work necessary for the maintenance of the vessel's class in Lloyd's Register carried out.

We are, however, unable at the present moment to fix a date for the above stoppage. In view of the arrangements we have entered into with the Charterers we expect that the vessel will continue to sail beyond the end of May. We hope, however, that before very long we shall know exactly the date at which the s.s. "BERNADETTE" will be available for the above repairs. We shall be glad if you will kindly inform your London Office of our inability to stop the vessel during the course of May.

We are, Dear Sirs,  
Yours faithfully,

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