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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

19th March, 1920.

Dear Sirs,

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I duly received Mr. Bernoski's letter of the 11th instant, submitting for the consideration of the Committee a plan of the extension of pumping arrangements proposed in the case of the steamer "INDIA", and with regard thereto, I have to state that provided the flash point of the oil fuel be above 150°F; the sectional area of the air pipe to the after peak tank be not less than that of its filling pipe; air pipes be fitted to the cofferdams and a sounding pipe be fitted to No. 3 cofferdam; the steam to the oil fuel transfer pumps be controlled from the deck, outside the fidley or engine room casings, as well as at the pump; the oil fuel suction valves at the after peak and after deep tanks be controlled from the deck as well as at the valves; the **existing** connection of the general service pump to the ballast pump line and the ballast pump suction to the boiler feed water tanks be dispensed with or blanked off, and separate and distinct suction and filling connections be fitted to these tanks; the remaining requirements of Section 49 of the Rules be complied with, and the arrangements as otherwise shown on

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the plan be adhered to and all the work be carried out to your satisfaction, the same will be approved.

I have to add that it is concluded the note on the plan that the connection A.L. is the ballast pump discharge to the main bilge line is an error, but I shall be glad if you will confirm this.

A plan of the proposed oil fuel burning piping arrangements, a sketch of the settling tanks, and a plan showing the details of the proposed additional stiffening and wash plates, etc., of the fore and the after peak and existing deep tanks, and a sketch of the deep tank forward of the after peak tank should be submitted.

One copy of the plan forwarded is being returned to your address to-day under separate cover, together with the original piping plan forwarded for reference, and the duplicate copy has been retained in this Office.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

The Surveyors,

ROTTERDAM.



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