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Lloyd's Register of Shipping
London.

Sir,

S.S. "Saint-Joseph" Gard No. 208.

I respectfully beg to forward enclosed my First Entry Report No. 666 on the Hull & Machinery of the new S.S. "Saint-Joseph", sister-veessel to the S.S. "Saint-Andre", built by the Ateliers & Chantiers de la Loire of St. Nazaire.

With a view to the prompt issue of a certificate of classification for use by the French Government Authorities, I am, in accordance with your letter of the 8th inst. & previous correspondence on the subject, forwarding these reports to you before the survey is quite complete.

In the present case, the following items remain to be carried out to complete the survey:-

- (1) Examination of Bottom in Dry Dock.
- (2) Test of upper & weather decks as per Rules
- (3) Payment of fees.

The dry docking & test of decks are to be carried out early next week.

With regard to the payment of fees, I could not send in my account before to-day as I was informed yesterday only, while at St. Nazaire, of

the official particulars as to tonnage, which as you know regulate the hull survey fee.

I am also forwarding herewith my freeboard Report on the same vessel, accompanied by the Builders' official request for assignment of freeboard.

This Report could not be sent to you before for the same reason mentioned above in connection with my account of fees, namely that I have only just received the necessary official particulars as to tonnage & dimensions.

As you are aware, a Certificate of Classification & a Certificate of freeboard are required for the French Maritime Commission. I am told by the Builders & the Owners' representative that this Commission is to come on board, to pass the vessel, Thursday next, the 2nd inst., when these certificates should be in their hands.

May I ask you therefore to kindly wire to me, authorizing me to issue a Classification certificate on form "F" so soon as the remaining items to complete the survey have been carried out to my satisfaction. When this has been done, I shall, of course, follow out your instructions, and report to you as promptly as possible, sending you a copy of the certificate issued by me.

May I ask you also to be good enough to send me a telegram, at once if possible, giving particulars of the freeboards assigned,

so that these can be marked without delay on the vessel's sides; if, as I presume, these particulars are identical with those of the sister-vessel "Saint André", it will I think be easy in this instance to send me this telegram. Then if the freeboard certificate with written particulars be forwarded to me by return of post, it should reach me in time to attest & hand over to the interested parties for the French Commission on the 2nd inst, so soon as I have verified the freeboard marks on the vessel's sides. I should then forward to you as promptly as possible a verification Report on Form Rpt. 12 (French).

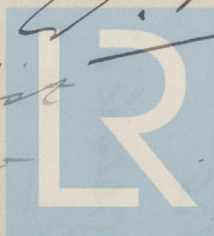
For your guidance in dealing with the First Entry Reports, the approved plans, 32 in number, are forwarded to you herewith per Commercial Papers Post registered. May I ask you to be so good as to send back these plans to me as soon as conveniently possible, for as you are aware they are the plans also of Nos. 212 & 213 which are under construction by the same Builders.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

J. Kerr.

Enclosures including list
of approved plans now
forwarded herewith.



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Referred to the Chief Ship Surveyor
and the Chief Engineer Surveyor.

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