

Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

Lloyd's Bank Chambers,

Middlesbrough, 10th. November 1919.

Dear Mr. Hill,

I see by the official letter of the 7th. instant that we are instructed to charge fees on the s.s. "GANDARA", Messrs Craig, Taylor and Co's 219 vessel, at the rate of 1/4 per ton.

This vessel with others appeared in List B. of your letter of the 25th. March 1919, as having been sold to the Syndicate and in that letter it was stated that the special arrangements made with the Shipping Controller would apply to this list, which appears to justify the above charge and was in accordance with our interpretation at the time.

In the case of the s.s. "PORTFIELD", Messrs Craig, Taylor and Co's No. 218 which appeared in List B, the Tonnage particulars were submitted in our letter of the 12th. August 1919, with a request to be informed as to the fees which should be charged as we were unaware of the amount of tonnage that had been built.

On the 13th. August 1919, your office wired for the % of work done at date of transfer to private ownership and the fees were subsequently assessed by you on that basis.

In the present case the Tonnage and % of work done at the time of transfer to private Ownership was submitted in our letter of the 1st. instant, having in mind the course adopted in the case

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f the same builders 218, S.S. "PORTFIELD", and Messrs Ropner's
 No. 530 S.S. "INNERTON", (see your letter of the 1st. September 19)

The special duties arranged by the Controller in regard
 to vessels appearing on List B, have automatically ceased when
 acquired by private owners.

I shall be glad to hear from you in regard to this matter
 and meantime will defer rendering the Accounts.

Yours faithfully,

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F. Hill Esq.

London.

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