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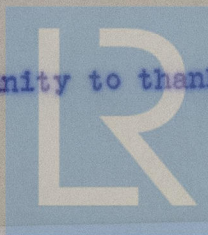
Dear Sirs,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, in which you say that you would prefer that your navire mixte "FRANCE" should not appear in Lloyd's Register Book in the Register of Sailing Vessels but ^{only} in the Register of Steamers with a special notation as regards the voilure complementaire.

Your letter has been laid before the General Committee of this Society at their Meeting to-day, and I have to express their regret that, after very careful consideration of all the circumstances, they do not feel that it would be in order to enter the vessel only in the Steamer Section of the Register Book.

I may, however, explain that the vessel will not be described in the Register Book as an auxiliary steamer, but in both the Sailing Vessel and Steamer Sections as a Steel Twin Screw 5-Masted Barque, which ^{course} will, it is trusted, meet with your concurrence.

I take the opportunity to thank you for your



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courteous suggestion that a representative of this Society
should be present at the trials of the vessel, and to say
that arrangements are being made for Mr. H. Ruck-Keene, Assistant
to the Society's Chief Engineer Surveyor, to attend. Mr.
Ruck-Keene is in communication with the Society's Surveyors
at Bordeaux with a view to their advising him as to when he
should arrive at that port.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

I have the pleasure

from having approved on this important occasion



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