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ENCLOSURES

12th June, 1941.

Dear Sirs,

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With regard to my letter of the 10th January last regarding the fees charged for the classification in the Society's Register Book of the Steamer "EMPIRE ELAND" ex "WEST KEDRON", you will remember that reference was made therein to the basis on which such fees were computed.

It is concluded from this correspondence that accounts for Classification Surveys held on Ministry vessels purchased in America are checked in your Department and in that hope, I have to call attention to two cases namely, the Steamers "BLACK OSPREY" and "WESTERN CHIEF", both of which, it is understood, sustained casualty on the voyage from America.

Dealing firstly with the case of the Steamer "BLACK OSPREY", the reports now received from America indicate that the greater portion of the requisite survey for reclassification in the Society's Register Book was carried out at Baltimore before she left, and a special notation of "LOCAL (Reclassification contemplated)" was assigned with a Record of "Examined 1,41" valid for twelve months.

It is an agreed arrangement that fees for surveys held in America on vessels of this category shall be collected from the Managers on the vessel's arrival in this country, and an account was accordingly sent on the 2nd May to the Cairn Line of Steamships Ltd., the newly appointed Managers in this case. Enclosed is a copy of their reply of the 10th instant which is self-explanatory, and in these circumstances, I shall be glad if you will be good enough to pass the attached account for payment, or to let me know to what Department this should be sent.

The case of the "WESTERN CHIEF" is somewhat similar as apparently the vessel never reached this country. The account for the fees due in this case is also enclosed.

I am, Dear Sirs,
Yours faithfully,

The Ministry of
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County Hotel,
BLACKPOOL.

Clerk to the Classification Committee.

