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The Secretary,
Custom House, London, E.C.3."



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CUSTOM HOUSE,
LOWER THAMES STREET,
LONDON, E.C.3.

26th September, 1936.

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise to refer to your application of the 11th instant (Reference ZA.1723) for approval of the arrangements which have been made for the introduction on the 14th October next of a daily service of sleeping cars between Paris and London which will be conveyed on Ferry Boats between Dunkerque and Dover, and of which particulars are given in your Circular No. 1260 Dated 8th September, 1936.

In reply I am to inform you that the Commissioners provisionally approve the proposed arrangements so far as this Department is concerned, subject to the following conditions :-

- (1) A Customs officer will accompany the sleeping car portion of the train from Dover to Victoria and is to be given every facility while on the train to ensure that no Customs irregularity occurs ;
- (2) The Company will effect an impersonal insurance against the death of, or any injury to, the Customs officer whilst employed on this service ;
- (3) The Company will issue to the Collector of Customs and Excise at Dover, for the use of the Customs officer, an impersonal railway service ticket available between London and Dover and return ;
- (4) The Company will pay for the attendance -
 - (a) of the Customs officer accompanying the sleeping cars. The time charged is to correspond with that credited to the Officer in respect of his absence from the normal duties of his Station ;

(b)

- (b) of any additional Customs staff necessary at Victoria Station ; a charge being raised on the basis at present in force for attendance at that place ;
- (5) The baggage vans and sleeping cars are to be landed under Customs supervision and, after the vans containing the registered baggage are secured by Customs locks in the usual manner, the vans and cars are to become part of a train to be made up at Dover Marine Station ;
 - (6) No beer, wines, spirits or tobacco goods are to be carried as buffet or kitchen stores in the sleeping cars ;
 - (7) The train is to proceed ordinarily non-stop from Dover Marine to Victoria ;
 - (8) Every precaution is to be taken to ensure that there is no contact between the occupants of the sleeping cars and those in the rear portion of the train ;
 - (9) No package is to be removed from the sleeping cars without the permission of the Customs officer ;
 - (10) The train will remain at the Customs enclosure on its arrival at Victoria until the sleeping cars and baggage vans have been examined and cleared by the Customs ;
 - (11) The Company will give bond in a penalty of £5,000 for the due observance of the foregoing conditions Nos. 1 to 10.

The Commissioners will be glad to receive, at an early date, your acceptance of these conditions.

I am further to inform you, with reference to your letter of the 16th instant, that the Commissioners will arrange for the examination at Victoria of the hand baggage of passengers on the inaugural trip on October 12th, subject to compliance with the conditions specified above.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd.) A. D. OWEN,

The Traffic Manager,
Southern Railway,
Continental Department,
Victoria Station, S.W. 1.