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in thoroughly efficient order for navigation. The captain, officers, engineers, firemen and crew allotted to the ship under her charter is clearly set forth in the enclosed list of "officers and crew and rates of wages per month" of the S.S. "Colon" on Form A.S.62, and no other men or officers must be attached or employed on the ship at the expense of the Government.

You have authority to advance on the men's pay such liberty money as you may deem advisable from time to time, being governed by the allotment list which will be furnished you as to what portion of the crew's pay is stopped by the allotment.

I desire in every possible way you will endeavor to make the officers and men on board the ship under your charge as comfortable as possible.

I enclose for your private information and guidance a copy of the charter-party, the terms of which are clear and explicit, and you will be held responsible that the Company's interests are thoroughly protected.

I commend the ship and crew to your safe keeping, feeling assured that you will in every possible way guard the safety of the property and the lives of the people committed to your charge, remembering the value of the ship and cargo and the desire of the Management that no risk whatever be taken which will result in loss to the Company.

Yours truly,

B. A. Schmitt
Vice Pres. & Gen. Manager.

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