

Re case of ss "Charles Howard." //

It will be remembered that some little time ago this vessel's boilers were fitted with an arrangement for burning liquid fuel, but as no opportunity was afforded the Society's Officers of seeing it in operation at sea, in order that they might satisfy themselves as to its efficiency or otherwise, the Committee decided to expunge the vessel's class from the Register Book until they were satisfied that the arrangement in question was a satisfactory one.

The vessel left the Tyne for the Black Sea with this arrangement, but before she reached Gibraltar it broke down, and recourse had to be had to the use of coal to enable the vessel to proceed.

It will be seen from the attached correspondence from the Owners that they now undertake not to burn liquid fuel until they have come to a definite arrangement with the Committee as to its efficiency, under these circumstances it is submitted that the vessel's class should be reinstated in the Register Book.

MP 9.6.87

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