

ENCLOSURE.

2nd January, 1943.

HULL.

54511. (FE & Rpts. 8 & 9) "EMPIRE CONLEA" Instructions have to-day been given for this vessel to be recorded in the Register Book 100A- "Coasting Service Great Britain & Ireland & Continent Brest to Hamburg" (Classification Contemplated).

I shall be glad if you will be good enough to state the thickness of the bilge plating which is not legible in your report, the width of the upper deck sheer strake, to furnish particulars of the strengthening of the bottom forward as recommended in your report, and of the coating on the inner surfaces of the bottom shell.

I return herewith the Electric Light Report from which a signature has been omitted, and shall be glad if you will return it to this Office duly signed.

54553, 60, 61, 68, 70, 77. As recommended.

"RIFSNES" Before your report No. 54566 is submitted to the Committee, I shall be glad if you will forward a plan of the watertight bulkhead fitted at frame No. 36 to form the fore end

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of the cross bunker, to state if the watertight bulkhead frame No.26 (at fore end of boiler room) is still watertight and if so, whether a watertight door is also fitted giving access from the stokehold to the cross bunker, also whether the after peak is now a tank and if so, forward particulars of capacity in tons S.W. for insertion in the Register Book.

At the same time it is concluded that the ballast forward refers to the Cell DBf, as noted in the Register Book also that the flush bunker scuttle fitted on the Raised Deck conforms to Rule requirements, but I shall be glad to receive your confirmation on these points.

54571."MURELLA" This vessel has to-day been classed 100A Steam Trawler together with the notations recommended by the required internal annual examination of the bottom of the fish room, owing to the omission of cement or approved composition.

54572."ISOLFUR" This vessel has to-day been classed 100A Steam Trawler together with the other notations recommended by the required internal annual examination of the bottom of the fish room, owing to the omission of cement or approved composition.



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