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EMPIRE LIGHT Barclay Curles No.677.
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On the 14th ult., The Director of Contracts, Ministry of Shipping forwarded reports he had received regarding certain defects in the above vessels, and he asked for the Society's comments.

The matter was therefore referred to the Glasgow and West Hartlepool Surveyors.

The Glasgow Secretary now states that as no reasons are given for the necessity of carrying out the repairs it is not possible to make any comments, but he adds that the matter has been discussed with the Builders, who state that in the ordinary course of events the account for these repairs would be paid by them at the end of the guarantee period.

The West Hartlepool Surveyors have replied in detail to the various items and enumerated in the Report and it would appear that the defects have been brought about under circumstances not under the control of the Surveyors.

It is submitted the Director of Contracts might be furnished with copies of the letters received from Glasgow and West Hartlepool dated 21.2.41 and 25.2.41 respectively.

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