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MINISTRY OF SHIPPING,  
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Dear Dale Bussell,

This is to notify you of certain breakdowns in Government built ships recently handed over to the Ministry. Some of these appear to involve the sort of defects for which a claim can be made against the builders.

The first is the EMPIRE STRAIT which has sustained damage to the forepeak bulkhead and telemotor steering gear and the other is the EMPIRE LIGHT which has revealed certain defects in material in the steering engine surface heater, drain copper pipe, &c. I enclose particulars of the damage in these cases and I shall be glad to hear from you as to what part of the cost of repair is for Ministry of Shipping Account and what can be reclaimed from the builders. The repairs to the EMPIRE LIGHT were carried out at Durban on the 19th November.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) G.I. MORRIS

P.S. It will probably be necessary to settle upon detailed financial arrangements in cases where part of the Bill for repairs is to be reclaimed from the builders and part to be paid by the Ministry and this is being given consideration.

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