

Private and Confidential.

13th May, 1925.

Dear Mr. Chisholm,

I duly received your letter of the 8th instant, and in view of the intimation contained therein to the effect that the s.s. "STAD VLAARDINGEN" had been placed in dry dock at Rotterdam and was to undergo damage repairs, and that sufficient damage had been found to fully justify the recommendation that the vessel should be placed in dry dock, I may say for your confidential information that Mr. Leeuwenburg reported on the 8th instant that the vessel had been drydocked at Rotterdam and the bottom found undamaged.

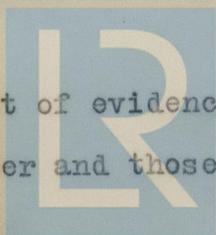
In view of the statement contained in your letter I sent him a private telegram to the following effect:-

"Stadvlaardingen is it true that damage has now been discovered if so please survey and report",

and in reply I have received a letter from him in which he states that no damage has been discovered on the hull of the vessel, and an official report to this effect has been received from Rotterdam.

Mr. Leeuwenburg adds that some repairs were being carried out to the machinery.

In view of the conflict of evidence between the statements contained in your letter and those received from Mr.



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Leeuwenburg, the Deputy-Chairman thinks it well that I should ask you for a further explanation in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

A. Chisholm, Esq.,

HAMBURG.



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