

Collingwood Buildings,  
Newcastle-on-Tyne, 1.

19th January, 1942.

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Sladden, Esq.,

WOKINGHAM.

Dear Dick,

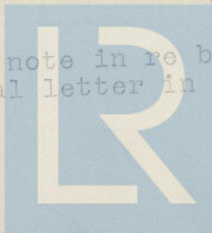
Reverting to mine of the 16th in reply to  
yours regarding the case of the "EMPIRE SALVAGE", I think  
I should state for your information that the vessel  
appears to rank as an R.F.A. run by the Admiralty  
itself and not to be in the hands of any Managers.

The Admiralty Representative seemed to be  
expecting us to assign Freeboard and undertake the usual  
classification Survey, so perhaps you could institute  
the enquiries through the Admiralty Departments.

With very unofficial reference to your  
"sh hush" instruction, I gather that the vessel was  
bought over here by a crew of Cubans or some sort of  
Indian natives, amongst whom her identity seems to  
be pretty general knowledge, and of course the hospitality  
of the Tyne district is proverbial. However, this is  
strictly between you and me.

With kindest regards,  
Yours sincerely,

.S.- Thanks for your note in re boiler suits/coupons -  
I will fix up an official letter in the course of the next  
few days. L



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