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Received by Chief Ship Surveyor.....

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VESSEL'S NAME "EMPIRE LIDDELL"

REPORT Ftn. No. 134

remarks of the Chief Ship Surveyor are desired on this case for the consideration of the Classing Committee.

("The endorsement to contain a succinct summary of any repairs that have been required and to show the cause or causes of such repairs, and also to bring out clearly any exceptional features in connection with the case, so that the Classing Committee may have all the salient points presented in the endorsement."—Extract from Sub-Committee's Report, 24/5/92.)

Notations of ^{100A1} Classification Contemplated and "Examined 2.44" have been assigned to this vessel.

Shell plating in "D" strake, below renewal thickness, requires to be dealt with and permanent repairs are required to set up bottom plating at the first opportunity.

The FREETOWN Surveyor reports (6.45) the vessel placed in floating dock, bottom coated, a further "General Examination" due 2.45, held and renewals and/or repairs to shell and deck plating, hatchways, ventilators, casings, and to minor items effected. The Surveyor reports 60 fathoms of chain cable as being at the renewal diameter and the remainder of chain cable as being badly wasted and worn and recommends that 135 fathoms of chain cable be renewed at the earliest opportunity.

On account of damage sustained during undocking operation, a shell plate in "A" strake in way of No.4 D.B. tank (s.s.) found fractured and set up. The Surveyor recommends permanent repairs at the next dry docking.

In view of the reported condition of the chain cables it is submitted the Classification Contemplated be amended to 100A- pending the placing in order of same with record of docking date 6.45 subject to shell plating in "D" strake, below renewal thickness, being dealt with and permanent repairs being effected to set up bottom plating at the first opportunity and to (fractured &) indented shell plate in "A" strake in way of No.4 D.B. tank (s.s.) ^{AT THE NEXT DRY DOCKING} and to have the notation of "Examined 6.45" valid for 12 months assigned.

100A - CLASS. CONTEMPLATED

(Docking date)

6.45 Ftn.) subject.

"Examined 6.45"

The Certificate of Classification to be endorsed "Cargo battens not fitted" and the same notation to be printed in the Register Book.

Rec letter 19.11.45

The Surveyor should be informed that the equipment of this vessel has been provisionally computed from the particulars available in this office to be letter "P" and that consequently it would appear that 210 fathoms of chain cable require to be renewed at the first opportunity and 30 fathoms to be supplied at the end of the present emergency and not as recommended by him, but he should state if this is so. Further he should be informed of the finding of the Lagos Lloyd's Agent's Surveyor of slightly reduced shell thicknesses in D strake and that it is concluded same have been found efficient in the meantime.

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