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Received by Chief Ship Surveyor.....

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VESSEL'S NAME "EMPIRE LIDDELL" (ex "ENUGU") REPORT L.A. No. 2620

The 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.)

This unclassified vessel was built by Harkess & Son at Middlesbrough 1920.

The Ministry of War Transport desired classification and Mr. MacFarlane, the Society's Surveyor at Dakar was instructed to proceed to Lagos to hold a GENERAL EXAMINATION in dry dock with a view to recommending requisite repairs for 12 months trading.

A preliminary survey was carried out by this Surveyor in July last to ascertain if the vessel was repairable. This Survey was supplemented by one in November when various parts of the structure were examined and recommendations made for repairs.

The Lloyd's Agent's Surveyor at Lagos has now forwarded a report of a survey held from July to February 1943 afloat and in Dry Dock.

The greater part of the S.S. No.3 has been carried out but repairs only sufficient for 12 months trading have been effected. These include the recommendations made by Mr. MacFarlane.

The shell plating has been drilled in D E & F strakes and found in order with the exception of D strake which is slightly below the thickness at which the Rules normally require renewal.

The equipment has been ranged and found to consist of three anchors and 240 fathoms of 1-10/16" chain cable. No particulars of the anchors are given but the length and diameter of the cables appear to be in accordance with the equipment letter 'p' which agrees with the numeral computed from particulars in the Register Book.

The bottom of the vessel is set up 3" on account of previous grounding between frames 38 and 82.

All the recommendations have been satisfactorily carried out and the Surveyor considers the vessel in seaworthy condition and suitable for trading for one year from 2.44 when a similar examination should be carried out.

Cargo battens are not fitted.

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IT IS SUBMITTED the vessel appears worthy to have record of docking survey 2.44 and notations of 100A1 "Classification Contemplated" and "Examined 2.44" valid for 12 months assigned, these notations being subject to the set up bottom plating being permanently dealt with at the first opportunity.

100A1 "Classification Contemplated"

2.44 Lagos. subject.

"Examined 2.44"

B.A.S.

6.4.44

Insert in R.B.:-

CARGO BATTENS NOT FITTED

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



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