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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "REGISTER, GLASGOW."

TELEPHONE: CENTRAL 6491 (4 LINES).



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95, Bothwell Street,

Glasgow, C.2. 8th September, 1939.

Dear Sir,

Reference

I beg to acquaint you that the S.S.

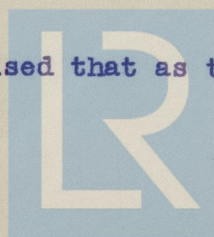
"DUNLUCE CASTLE", No. 23556 in the Register Book, which was in the hands of Messrs. Smith & Houston of Port Glasgow, for breaking up purposes, has been requisitioned by the Sea Transport Department of the Board of Trade and is being fitted out as a Store Ship to be stationed at Scapa Flow.

It will be observed that the vessel is very much overdue for survey and this question has been raised with Mr. A.S. Wright, the Officer in Charge of the Sea Transport Department here, and we have been advised that the Sea Transport Department will take the responsibility for the condition of the hull and that the local Board of Trade Surveyors have been called in to examine the machinery with a view to enabling the vessel to proceed to Scapa Flow.

In the special circumstances, and pending instructions from you, the Society's Surveyors have not visited the vessel, but I shall be glad to learn if this procedure is concurred in.

It is realised that as this vessel was

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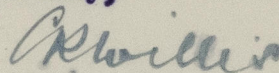
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actually in the hands of the Shipbreakers, it is a very exceptional case, but for future guidance I shall be glad to learn what action should be taken in regard to overdue surveys on merchant vessels, trawlers etc., which are taken over by the Sea Transport Department or the Admiralty.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,



Secretary to the
Glasgow Committee.

The Secretary,

LONDON. (WOKINGHAM)



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Spe

(HARRINGTON) - HODGSON

The Secretary

Strategic Committee,
Secretary to the

London Conference

I am, Dear Sir,

the General Secretariat of the Admiralty.
On receipt of the message, which was taken over by
the Admiralty, it was decided to refer the matter to the
Admiralty for their consideration. I shall be glad to
hear from you in the future.

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