



# Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

50, Yamashita-cho, Naka-ku,  
(P.O. Box No. 48),

Yokohama, 18th September, 1940.

R. J. Sladden, Esqr.,  
WOKINGHAM.

Dear Mr Sladden, "FUMI MARU No.2".

I promised, in my letter of 22nd ultimo, to write you again regarding the particulars required on above ship for Lloyd's Register. Mr Riddell visited Hakodate recently on the "NONAI MARU" damage survey but I regret could not find out anything about either the ship or her Owners. Owing to present conditions here, such information, unimportant nationally as it is, is very difficult to obtain because of the fear of being suspected of espionage on the one side and the suspicion of foreigners as spies on the other. In this connection, I hope conditions will improve soon. I shall enquire further and if the information you require is forthcoming it will be forwarded to you at once.

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"NONAI MARU".

In connection with this ship referred to in our reply of 30th July last to your letter of inquiry, Owners have submitted an estimate for repairs to London (Anglo Saxon Petroleum Co.) and on a decision being received from there, we shall be duly informed. I understand the cost of repairs is far in excess of the cost of the ship when built. I believe all the bottom plating of the ship is affected but as Mr Riddell's report has not yet come to hand I cannot give you details. If gone on with, the ship is not expected to be ready for service again before January 1941.

I see from our newspapers here you are having a gruelling time from the skies in and around London and I hope all is well with you and our colleagues beside you.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

*R. Hunter.*



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