



# Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

High Close,

Wokingham, Berks.

Enclosures:-

Empire Cricketer 1st Entries + Rudder plan

" Tapley " "

Plan of Rudder

27th March, 1945

Reference .....

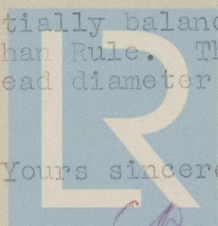
My Dear Rex,

We have looked into the cases of Messrs. Pimblotts "EMPIRE TAPLEY" and "EMPIRE CRICKETER". In the "EMPIRE CRICKETER" the diameter of the rudder-head is  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " and the steering chains and rods should be  $11/16$ . Even if you could take off the 10% diameter of rudder for a tanker the same size of steering chains and rod would be required. Therefore there appears to be no way out of this difficulty except to arrange for the builders to renew the rods and chains when these two vessels are next drydocked.

The present chains are just on the limit for condemning so can be justified for a short period.

The rudder is partially balanced, but against that the tiller is 6" shorter than Rule. This may be worth looking into to see if the rudderhead diameter could be less than  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " but I don't think it will.

Yours sincerely,

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