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71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

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20th February, 1948.

Dear Mr. Brooke-Smith,

S.S. 'MONARCH OF BERMUDA'

The above ship, No. 29511 in the Register Book, was seriously damaged by fire a year ago and was abandoned to the Underwriters.

Representatives of Messrs. Furness, Withy & Co. called at this Office recently with Captain Calvagno of Messrs. Compania Argentina de Navegacion Dodero, and stated that negotiations were proceeding for sale to the Argentine and it was contemplated the vessel should proceed under her own power either to Newport News or Baltimore, where permanent repairs would be carried out. It was anticipated the voyage would not be undertaken before about mid-April.

The ship is under the survey of the Society's Surveyors in Scotland, and recommendations have been made for placing her in a fit condition for the voyage now contemplated.

Although the negotiations for the sale have not been completed, I think it well to advise you of the case in order that you may make diplomatic contact with Mr. T. Horn, the Technical Director of the prospective Owners, Compania Argentina de Navegacion Dodero, on the matter and suggest that, in the event of the vessel being purchased by them, it would be advantageous for the survey for re-assignment of the Society's class to be carried out concurrently with the reconditioning and permanent repairs in the U.S.A.

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Dear Mr. Brooke-Smith,

I shall be glad to learn the results of enquiries as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

Secretary

F. C. Brooke-Smith, Esq.,
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