

# Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

Lloyds Bank Chambers,

Middlesbrough, 12th December, 1947.



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Dear Sir,

s.s. "MONARCH OF BERMUDA".

Your letter of the 9th December, 1947 regarding the above vessel, addressed to the Middlesbrough Surveyors, was handed to me for attention as requested.

I have carefully considered the question of the effect of fire on the high elastic limit material of the top sides and while no actual evidence is available it may well be that no serious impairment of properties is to be contemplated which would affect the sea-worthiness of the vessel for the proposed journey to the Mediterranean.

When the vessel was examined in dry dock at Newcastle it was tentatively arranged that representative samples should be taken for testing from various parts of the hull which would have been helpful in determining the condition of the material generally. In the event of the inclusion of this material being considered essential for the contemplated voyage, it is suggested that the prudent course would be to arrange for the testing of specimens from top side material in the region of the fire before arriving at a definite conclusion.

I should add that this matter has also been discussed with Mr. Edgar.

Yours faithfully,

*Louis D. P. J.*

The Secretary,  
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Referred to the Chief Ship Surveyor.

*W. H. Perris*

also for Mr. Perris to note.

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