

16th October, 1948.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 11th instant, respecting the steamers "ST. ANNA", "ST. HELENA", "ST. MACARANT" and "ST. ELWYN", and in confirmation of Mr. Hodgson's telephone conversation with you on Thursday, I have to advise you as follows:—

It is noted that this ship will be submitted to Special Survey for full classification at Newport about the 16th instant. As in previous similar cases, you should be guided by Circular 1871, paying attention to the special items mentioned therein and to the structural reinforcements for "SA" ships detailed in Admiralty Circular No. 101. An abridged First Entry Report as required by the above Circular should be forwarded.

The Owners' proposal to submit this ship to the required General Examination on her arrival in London about the 21st December, subject to the possibility of this being carried out during the vessel's normal discharging programme, is noted. I may say that the Owners' decision not to delay the ship is fully appreciated, and should it prove impossible to carry out the full examination during discharging operations, this could be conveniently completed on the occasion of the next drydocking. In this case also you should be guided by Circular 1871 in respect of the special items, structural reinforcements and First Entry Report.

"ST. ELWYN".

In reply to the Owners' query in this case, I have to inform you that the special arrangements for the transference of classification of ships of recent construction

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have been agreed to by the Committee for vessels up to about four years old. The above vessel is, however, eight years old, and it is therefore considered necessary in such cases to carry out a modified Special Survey, somewhat in excess of a General Examination, depending upon the circumstances of each case. The fact that this vessel has recently undergone a Special Survey by the British Corporation will be taken into consideration when she comes under survey, in order that the minimum requirements necessary are effected to satisfy the Surveyors as to her condition and with regard to the scantlings and arrangements. It is suggested that the survey might conveniently be held at the next drydock. Plans of Midship Section, profile and decks, in duplicate showing the scantlings and arrangements of the hull structure of course be submitted to this Office for approval. With regard to machinery, the plans detailed in the Rules for vessels not built under survey would facilitate the survey of this vessel.

"ST MARGARET"

The Owners' decision in this case is not

I shall be glad therefore if you will kindly consult the Owners regarding the above vessels and advise me in due course, of any further arrangements effected.

Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the
Classification Committee.

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