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MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT,
BERKELEY SQUARE HOUSE,
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Sir,

I am directed by the Minister of Transport to inform you that upon consideration of the Report of the Preliminary Inquiry held into the circumstances attending the explosion from a port main boiler of the s.s. "BURMOUNT," O.N. 172789, owned by the Gowan Shipping Co. Ltd., 15 St. Helens Place, London, E.C.3., it was decided not to hold a Formal Investigation under the Boiler Explosions Acts.

The explosion occurred on the 9th December, 1948, whilst the vessel was in the River Thames, off Gravesend.

In view, however, of the serious character of the explosion, it has been considered advisable to print and publish the Report of the Preliminary Inquiry.

A copy of the Report (No. 3340) is forwarded herewith, for your information, and I am to direct your attention particularly to the finding of the Surveyor as to the cause of the explosion, and to the comments by the Engineer Surveyor-in-Chief.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

W. Allen
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The Secretary,
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71 Fenchurch Street,
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Referred to the Chief Engineer, Surveyor.

R.S.

Also for Mr. Cook to note.

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