



Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

Ocean Chambers, Lowgate,

Hull, 17th March, 1952.

"SPALMATORI"

Dear Mr. Turnbull,

In reply to your letter of the 13th, and after discussing the case with Mr. Dixon, the following observations are forwarded.

- (1) The statement that the vessel "was under survey for three weeks" is misleading in relation to the items in question.

Owing to unusual delay in discharging cargo, nothing below decks - except in the machinery spaces - could be dealt with until the cargo was out at a late stage in the proceedings when the vessel went into drydock and the bottom stiffening (part) was dealt with, the opportunity having been taken of dealing with all other items available, prior to this.

- (2) The holds were not in any way prepared for examination and although some bilge ceiling was lifted this only revealed the heavily scaled and dirty condition of the bilges, which, together with similar surfaces in the holds, made it impracticable to examine these. The only other stripping done was in order to gain access for repairs.

It was thought at the time that the Owners were desirous of completing - if possible - the Special Survey, but the long delay in discharging and the fact that the ship was required precluded anything further being dealt with at this time.

There is no "oversight" in the matter of reporting. Dixon declined to recommend as done items for special Survey which had neither been examined nor even prepared for it, and they stand as reported.

I trust this information is what you require.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,

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