

Further Report on the Enquiry into the loss of the Dredger "LADY COMBE", which left the Clyde for Lagos, Nigeria, on December 9th, 1927, and was never heard of again.

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A report on the first meeting of the Court of Enquiry into this case was forwarded on December 13th, 1928.

The Court met again on January 24th, 1929, and gave their decision as follows:-

1. In view of the evidence to the effect that, in heavy weather, vessels of this type have to turn stern on to the sea, the Court is of the opinion that, in addition to the preparations described in the Annex, it would contribute to the safety of similar vessels if the space above the bulwarks aft were filled in with temporary boarding for the overseas voyage, and also that no doors, leading below, should be made of wood.
2. That, in the case of bucket dredgers, having high and heavy superstructures, provision should be made by all parties responsible for their design, construction and ocean-going preparation, for complete investigations as to their stability, and for this information being made available to the Owners and to those responsible for the overseas delivery.

Sheriff Wilton, K.C., also read the answers of the Court to the twelve questions presented by the Counsel representing the Board of Trade. A copy of these questions was forwarded with the first report, and a copy of the answers of the Court to these questions is attached herewith.

29th January, 1929.