

LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING,

23/24 Cato House,  
Smith Street,  
DURBAN.

Ref: ADMIN.

17th January, 1952.

Dear Sir,

s.s. "ALI WAL" ex. "HOEVELD".

I duly received your letter of the 11th instant, and Mr. Clement's letter of the 9th instant together with copies of memoranda concerning the above vessel and the s.s. "ROODEVAL" of the same Company.

I felt you would wish to be informed of the latest developments. My informant is Captain Chettle, the Government Surveyor. It appears that the General Manager of the South African Railways instructed the Port Captain at Durban to visit the "ALI WAL" in company with Captain Chettle, in order that he may ascertain the condition of the vessel. I understand that the Port Captain satisfied himself as to the various defects requiring attention, and duly informed his General Manager that the vessel was not in a fit condition to proceed to sea.

This is the position as it stands at present, and I now consider it very unlikely that the Owners will take any legal proceedings against the Railways and Harbours Administration, as in my opinion, they have no case. Should such a position arise however, and we are subpoenaed, your instructions will be strictly adhered to.

I hope I will have the opportunity of paying my respects to Mr. Trott and Mr. Stewart during their stay in South Africa.

May I take this opportunity of sending my best wishes for 1952.

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

*J. F. Ferguson*

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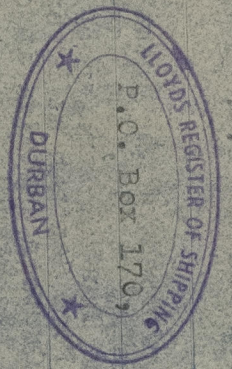
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