

SUDBURY HILL

● Mr. Burnett of the "Countries Ship Management Co L^{td}" phoned on 31-10-64 requesting that the above vessel be allowed to proceed from Gibraltar to Alexandria with only one lower anchor following the loss of one anchor and seven lengths of cable. For financial reasons the company wished to replace the anchor and cable at Alexandria.

The ^{Gibraltar} ~~Local~~ Surveyor requested that the spare anchor be shipped ready for use, but the Master of the vessel reported to Mr. Burnett that he considered that the spare anchor attached to the remaining three lengths of cable would not be of much use and as the anchor was stowed below cargo did not wish to ~~●~~ tow the cargo and recover the anchor.

When telephoned Mr. Todd confirmed that the vessel could not be considered fit for the voyage contemplated with only one anchor and that the instructions in the cable previously sent to the local Surveyor must be complied with, but that an anchor of approximately the same weight could be obtained locally.

and used for the voyage to Alexandria.

● Mr. Burnett was telephoned and informed of Mr. Todd's remarks, and also of the cable which had been sent to the Gibraltar Surveyor on 30-10-64 originating in Ship Reports Department. As Mr. Burnett had only just received news of the loss of the anchor he could not understand how the Society had already managed to reply to a cable from the Surveyor but it appears that the Surveyor sent off the cable before the Suddbury Hill reached Gibraltar while the cable to the owners must have been sent after the vessel's arrival.

On learning that the Surveyor was acting in accordance with instructions from London Mr. Burnett immediately said that he would inform the Master ● carry out the Surveyor's request. He asked for a copy of the cable sent to the Surveyor and was informed that his request would be passed to Ship Reports Department for consideration.

The following cable was sent to the Gibraltar Surveyor on 31-10-64:

ENCLOSURE GIBALTAR: "SUDBURY HILL OWNERS REQUEST PROCEED ALEXANDRIA WITH ONE BOWER ANCHOR REFUSED STOP ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH MY CABLE 30TH INSTANT COMMITTEE.