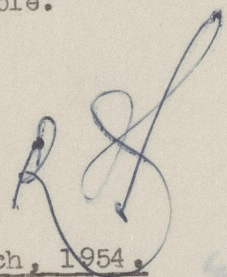


"BASSETHOUND"

Captain Allan called here this morning with a message from Mr. Warwick to say that the transfer of this vessel to Italian buyers was expected to be completed this week, and that immediately thereafter she would proceed to an Italian port, presumably for Special Survey which would entail drydocking there.

Mr. Warwick was extremely reluctant to go to the expense of another drydocking before proceeding on this short voyage and asked that the case may be reconsidered by the Committee. In any case she would be going out as an Italian ship and therefore we should have to issue a short term Load Line Certificate on behalf of the R.I., and he therefore submits that if she is found satisfactory at the Load Line Renewal Survey, drydocking here might be dispensed with.

It may be pointed out that she is of the British Corporation class and that under their Rules a two year period between drydockings is allowable.


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