

(Translation)

Fort-de-France

26th May, 1953

L. de la Houssaye, Esq.,

FORT-DE-FRANCE

Dear Sir,

Re "TRANSFORD II"

I duly received your letters of the 1st April and 18th May last, respecting the "TRANSFORD II." Having, as you know, been absent for lengthy periods, first to Trinidad, French Guinea and then Guadeloupe, I apologise for having been unable to answer your letters earlier.

In the circumstances I am sending you the following particulars respecting the propeller shafts of the "TRANSFORD II." The bronze liners of the tailshafts, when examined, did show, as duly stated in my report, a number of scores in way of the stern glands. The wear of the liners at that point is of the order of 2.5 to 2.8 m/m on the diameter. Some irregular scores, both in depth and width, caused by the stuffing box packing, reach a depth of 4m/m in certain places.

If the spare shafts had been on board the vessel when she was in dry dock, they would certainly have been fitted.

In conclusion, since I was of the opinion that the wear of the bronze liners was considerable in some places, the matter was duly recorded in my report to the Engineer of the Trinidad Shipping Company, who, in the circumstances, regretted not having the spare shafts on board.

Hoping that the above particulars will enable you to complete my report of the 4th March last, I am, dear Sir, Yours faithfully,

(signed) H. C. Caux

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