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18 $\frac{1}{2}$ Regent Quay,

Aberdeen, 24th June 1913.

Mr Messrs.

Central Station Hotel.

Glasgow.

Dear Sir

With regard to your request for information as to the case of the steamer "Armida" recently purchased by Messrs De Chanand & Co of Havre, and at present undergoing alterations at this port, to fit her for the carrying of chilled & frozen meat from Gambia, West Coast Africa to Havre, I would beg to inform you that the alterations now being carried out, include the fitting of twelve decks with the necessary beams, tie plates & carlings, in Nos 1, 3 & 4 holds; the additional strengthening by girders & staunches, of beams of main & quarter decks, from which chilled beef will be suspended: the insulation of twelve decks, and of No 1 hold: the removal of the lower side bunkers to allow of the fitting of larger boilers, and to provide space for refrigerating

refrigerating machinery & fans.

Accommodation has also been provided for the officers and Engineers in a new steel house at fore end of bridge deck, with teak Chart & wheel house on top.

The fo'castle has been gutted out, new wood deck laid and linings & fittings renewed.

The Engines are being tripled, new main boilers of increased diameter & pressure, being fitted, together with a Complete refrigerating plant and fan. also electric light installation & Steam Steering Gear.

With regard to the repairs now executed, the greater part have been rendered necessary by the alterations already described, while the fitting of larger boilers necessitated the cutting and compensating, of the lower deck stringer, the rebuilding of the boiler stools, and the part renewal of the centre & side girders and bilge keelsons in boiler room.

The repairs to the hold beams, were partly in connection with the fitting of the Tween decks & hatchways.

The general condition of outside of hull, decks, holds, masts & rigging is satisfactory.

No examination has been made of peaks or ballast tanks.

A new screw shaft with Continuous Union is being fitted

fitted.

In conclusion I may state that the cost of converting the vessel for her new employment, has been greatly underestimated by the owners, who now find that they have made a doubtful bargain.

I am Dear Sir
Yours faithfully.

Ridley Webb



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