

Iron Twin Screw Steamer "HIGUEROTE", No. 402 in the Register Book, 231
tons gross, built in 1890-5 mo., and classed ☒ 90A1
9.91
☒ L.M.C. 5.90.

S.S.No.1 became due in May '94.

This vessel is engaged in the coasting trade in the West Indies, trading between La Guaira and Carenero.

The Manager of the Railway Company to which this vessel belongs, writes proposing to have the vessel docked and surveyed for S.S.No.1 at Martinique early in 1895, and asks whether it would be convenient for a survey to be held there.

The nearest port at which the Society has a Surveyor is Georgetown, Demerara, which is a considerable distance from La Guaira, and the Owners point out that the risk is not so great in crossing the Caribbean Sea as the full force of the Atlantic in getting to Demarara.

Enquiries have been made, and no qualified Marine Surveyor is known to be residing at Martinique.

At St. Thomas' the West Indian Mail Co. have a floating dock and a factory where their surveys and repairs are effected. The same Company have also a Superintendent at Barbadoes.

It is submitted that, under the circumstances, the Owners might be informed that, as the Society has no Surveyor at Martinique, Lloyd's Agent at that port might be requested to appoint a qualified Marine Surveyor to undertake the Special Survey No.1 on this vessel when in dry dock at Martinique.

In the event of the Committee approving of this course, full instructions as to the requirements of the Rules for the Special Survey No.1 on hull and machinery should be sent to Mr. Lawless, Lloyd's Agent and British Vice Consul at Martinique, and he should be requested to appoint a qualified Marine Surveyor to hold this survey, preference being given to one of the Officers of the West Indian Co. at St. Thomas or Barbadoes.

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