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LONDON.REC<sup>d</sup> 3 JUL 1905ANS<sup>d</sup>Port of Messina, June 28<sup>th</sup> 1905The Secretary to Lloyd's Register  
London

SS Elera D.

Sir

This vessel has been examined in dry dock with Mr. Ritson. About 18 plates at bottom, starboard side, from amidship to aft have been found more or less dented in, suggested the removal, faired and re-rivettted again.

The most wanted part was existing in coal bunkers where the most of frames and reverse bars, as well as the bulk heads and casing, is badly corroded, the renewal of all frames and reverse frames in this part of the vessel should be necessary. as well as a good repair would be necessary to bunker casing and their fore and aft bulk heads. In holds rather satisfactory but the most of the reverse frames are very rusty in the conjunction, some must be un rivettted the rust chipped and re-rivettted.

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Below close Ceilings no inspection has been carried because not yet removed. In double bottom as far as we could see except in the way where the shell plating is dented in, appears satisfactory. To rudder new plates must be rivetted on, because the existing are badly corroded.

The stringers in the holds, are not corroded but appears to be rather deficient some must be re-strengthened.

Engines and Boilers as far as I saw, appears in good condition - engine seats must be re-strengthened:

But in order that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Survey may be carried on, and we shall be able to recommend to Committee of Lloyd Register the re-Classification of this vessel, the following repairs would be necessary, and on that effect we wrote to Captain of the vessel the enclosed letter in which is described the repairs, that in our opinion are necessary, before the 2<sup>nd</sup> S.S.N.3 could be carry on.

For your information I beg to enclose a sketch showing position of holes drilled on ship's side plating with its respective thickness.

As I have nothing to do here, because the Master has not decided yet to remove the plates from the bottom of the ship as we suggested I am going to Torre Annunziata by informing you with further letter the decision that the Master of



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the vessel will take.

But I rather doubt that he will agree of doing it now at Messina. As I heard Captain intend when repairs inside the ship, as we suggested, are finished he will sail off.

On this case I beg to submit, if absolutely the Master refuses of removing the dented plates from the bottom of the ship, the repairs that are effecting inside the vessel being not more inspected by me, I should decline any responsibility of their efficiency; because am not going on board from this day-

I remain

Sir

your obedient servant  
Francis Ducote



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