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Clyde's Register of Shipping.

High Close, Wokingham, Berks.

By AIR MAIL
Enclosure

6th July, 1942.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the case of the steamer "EMPIRE PRIZE", I am in receipt of your cabled reply to my enquiry of the 18th ultimo, namely:-

"72453 YOUR CABLEGRAM RECEIVED YESTERDAY. COMMUNICATED
"WITH SMITH SENIOR INSPECTION OFFICER WAR TRANSPORT EGYPT
"DIRECTOR MERCHANT SHIP REPAIRS MIDDLE EAST WHO AGREES
"THAT OWING POSSIBILITY BOTTOM REPAIRS BEING REQUIRED AND
"AS NO REPAIRS FACILITIES EXIST MASSAWA HE WILL ENDEAVOUR
"ARRANGE DRYDOCKING SUEZ. SMITH CONSIDERS TWO FURTHER
"MONTHS REQUIRED COMPLETE AT ADEN. THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT
"BUCHAN AND FULLICK BE INSTRUCTED CARRY OUT FORTHWITH SPECIAL
"SURVEY NUMBER THREE ON HULL AND FULL SURVEY ON MAIN AUXILIARY
"MACHINERY AND BOILERS WITH SUPERVISION OF ANY RECOMMENDED
"REPAIRS LEA VING ME TO MAKE A FURTHER EXAMINATION GENERALLY
"OF THE HULL AND COMPLETE THE SURVEY INCLUDING DRILL TESTING
"IF FOUND PRACTICABLE ALSO FREEBOARD ASSIGNMENT SURVEY AT
"SUEZ AFTER WHICH THE RECORD OF SURVEY COULD BE RECOMMENDED
"ACCORDINGLY. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE THIS CABLEGRAM AND SEND
"BY URGENT AIRMAIL NAVAL CHANNELS MIDSHIP SECTION AND
"FREEBOARD PARTICULARS."

and am much obliged to you for the attention given to this case.

The suggestion contained in the above message is concurred in by the Committee and I shall therefore be glad if you will be so good as to make arrangements with Messrs. Buchan and Fullick for the case to receive the necessary attention. As desired I enclose particulars of the scantlings, together with an extract from the Rpt.11b.

With regard to the Freeboard assignment, full particulars should be forwarded on Rpt.C.11 and Rpt.C.11(Comp.) and on completion of the survey a provisional loadline certificate, valid for six months, should be issued with the freeboards as marked at present on the vessel's sides. This certificate should be endorsed for deeper loading when you are satisfied with the condition of the ship and the conditions of assignment are complied with in accordance with circular No.1784. I shall be glad if you will state the deck to which the bulkheads are carried and also forward with your reports a copy of the provisional certificate issued.

Clerk to the
Classification Committee.

PORT SAID.