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16th December, 1949.

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Register of Shipping,
Church Street,
DN, E.C. 3.

Sirs,

s.s. "CYDONIA".

We are in receipt of your letter of the 15th inst. the contents of which are noted. We appreciate all you write, but general it conveys very little which we did not already know.

We are not aware of the Port or Ports at which the vessel was supposed to indent. We do know that whilst the vessel was at Pembroke we received a list containing 87 red Shell Plates of which only 40 could be found damaged, 7 were not damaged. This is allowing for any damage which may have occurred by the "Mining" of the vessel, 4 - "Groundings", Collisions, sinking, and subsequent damage. We feel that you must admit that this is a very poor percentage.

We are not concerned so much with whether the Hull was put these plates against the ship, but we were very surprised to learn that there were so many damaged plates, and we assure you there is no question of plate numbers being damaged to any extent, except that we would draw your attention to the fact that on the starboard side there is a forecastle plate No. L. 12. We doubt whether even the largest vessel afloat has 12 plates in a strake of forecastle head plates.

Fortunately, in this case the vessel has been provisionally insured as a C.T.L., but we would hesitate to think what would have happened had we been trying to sell the ship and the Prospective Purchaser had been faced with a list of damaged plates such as yours. We would be very interested to trace this matter out and exactly when these plates were put against the ship. It might add that we have no quarrel with the plates mentioned in connection with the "Charles Parsons" Damage.

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Lloyd's Register
Foundation
W1022-0049

Referred to Mr. Cook.

W. Hoatson
Forward to Mr. Hoatson please
as soon as possible to receive number
of specimens of mounted shells photos
request
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P.S. The Writer will endeavour to call and see you next week regarding this matter.

SUPERINTENDENTS,
FOR STAG LINE LIMITED.

W. Hoatson

Yours faithfully,

Cardiff.

We note that you have forwarded all Reports etc. our remaining vessels and make sure there is not such a formidable list of damaged plates against any of them. If there is, we should be pleased to know about it.

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