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16th December, 1949.

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enchurch 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 generally it conveys very little which we did not already know.

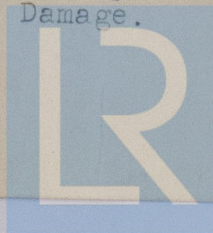
We are not aware of the Port or Ports at which the vessel was supposed to be. We do know that whilst the vessel was at Pembroke we received a list containing 87 red Shell Plates of which only 40 could be found damaged, 7 were not damaged. This is allowing for any damage may have occurred by the "Mining" 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 or not put these plates against the ship, but we were very surprised to learn that there were so many damaged plates, and to assure you there is no question of plate numbers being 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 plating.

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 insured had been faced with a list of damaged plates such as you state. We would be very interested to trace this matter out and exactly when these plates were put against the ship. It should be added that we have no quarrel with the plates mentioned in connection with the "Charles Parsons" Damage.

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Referred to Mr. Cook.

W. H. Adams
Forward to Mr. Cooks request
him if possible to receive number
specimen of mounted shell plates.
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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.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. Adams

Cardiff.

We note that you have forwarded all Reports etc.

We would also be pleased if you would check up 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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