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"CURRAJONG STOCK, LONDON"

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# Queensland Insurance Company, Limited.

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MARINE DEPARTMENT.

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21st March, 1952.

The Secretary,  
Lloyd's Register of Shipping,  
71, Fenchurch Street,  
London, E.C.3.

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Dear Sir,

"WAIMANA" s.s.

We have had referred to us by our Head Office, documents in connection with a claim for damage by sea water to cargo carried by this vessel.

Apparently, the vessel encountered heavy weather at times on the voyage, and on survey it was found that a leak had developed by virtue of the corrosion of a plate. We quote an extract from our Suva Agents advice, viz.,

..." in fact after surveying the side where the damaged plate was, the Surveyor crossed to the opposite side of the hold, and with a couple of sharp taps with a hammer punched another hole in the Hull. The inside of the Hull was said to be rusty and in bad condition, and it was necessary to weld steel plates inside and outside the damaged portion in order for the ship to proceed on her voyage."

" The heavy seas may have caused the plate to fracture but it is our opinion that this would have not occurred if the hull had been in sound condition."

Naturally the question of the vessel's seaworthiness has come to the front, and documents have been sent to us for the purpose of claiming against the Ship Owners.

On referring to your Register, we find that your last survey of this vessel was in June, 1951 - i.e., immediately

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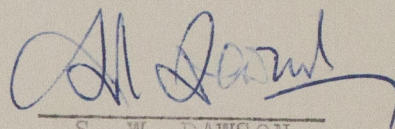
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previous to the voyage upon which the damage occurred.

We are submitting these facts to you, as it would be extremely interesting to learn whether, in the course of survey by your surveyor, the corrosion of the vessel's plates would be looked for and detected, as at present the Owners will doubtless maintain that they exerted due diligence by virtue of the Lloyd's survey.

Yours faithfully,



S. W. DAWSON  
MARINE UNDERWRITER.



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