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"EMPIRE REST".

Messrs. Ferguson Bros. Yard No.371.

This is one of four "CASTLE" Class Corvettes (Messrs. Ferguson Bros Yard Nos. 371/2 and Messrs. Fleming & Ferguson's Yard Nos. 654 and 665) which are being converted into Rescue Ships, the work in connection with this conversion has been transferred from the Naval side of the Admiralty to the Merchant side (D.M.B.).

When the conversion was arranged the Admiralty stated it was not intended to alter the main structure of the ships, the modifications being principally confined to internal arrangements. It was requested that the Glasgow Surveyors should arrange and discuss with Builders on the spot all details, in consultation with the D.M.B.'s representatives in Glasgow and M.O.W.T. Survey and Sea Transport Officers.

On completion of the conversion the ships are to be classed A1 "with freeboard", "For Government service".

The following equipment has been approved for the Fig.1:-

- 2 bowers, each 22 cwts. *Stockless. Tel. Mr Polli 28.11.44*
- 1 kedge, stockless, 5 cwts.
- 240 fathoms of 1 7/16ths stud chain cable.
- 150 fathoms 3 1/2 steel wire.
- 150 fathoms 2 3/8 steel wire.
- 90 fathoms 3 1/4 steel wire tow line.

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No plans available here.

Special arrangement for fees still under consideration - awaiting reply from Director of Navy Contracts. O.B.H.

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