

POSTPONED SURVEYS.

Case of the Wood Twin Sc. Motorship "DUVALLA".

No. 19582 in Reg. Bk. 167/94 tons, Built 1923-5 mo.

Classed 11A1 Owners United States Trading Co.
C. 25.

Oil Eng: Anc. C. 25. Port of Registry Cleveland, Ohio.
Anc. (m) 10, 27. 29. C. 25.

Survey Due Screw Shaft Survey due 6, 28.

In September 1928 the Owners informed the New York Surveyors that this vessel was anchored in the harbour at Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa, and would according to present arrangements remain there indefinitely. As the Owners intimated that they desired to retain the class the New York Surveyors stated they had taken the liberty of asking Lloyd's Agent at Monrovia to appoint a competent Surveyor to hold the survey. The Committee agreed to this arrangement.

The case was last before the Committee on the 22nd February when they had under consideration a letter

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Decision

Deferred
Write SpL
Suggest withdraw.



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received by the New York Surveyors from Lloyd's Agents at Monrovia, reading as follows:-

"As soon as possible we will arrange for a competent engineer to do the necessary. It might interest you to know that the vessel in question is at the present moment lying in the river at Marshall Junk, and is being used as a store ship. We have reason to believe that Messrs. Firestone Plantations Company contemplate offering the "Duvalla" for sale."

In the circumstances the Committee deferred action for a short time.

Lloyd's Agents at Monrovia have now forwarded to the New York Surveyors a copy of a communication received from their Sub-Agent at Marshall Junk reading as follows:-

"With reference to your letter of the 13th ultimo, asking us to arrange for a Chief Engineer, from one of the steamers, to come ashore and survey the screw shaft of the M.V. "DUVALLA" Up to the time of writing it has not been possible to obtain the services of a Chief Engineer. In the meantime the writer has seen Mr. A.D. Barclay (Firestone Plantations Co.) the ship's late captain who has informed us that it will be impossible to survey the screw shaft without the vessel goes into drydock. It was at first thought possible to beach the vessel and then complete the survey, but owing to the rise of the river being exceptionally small, this is not possible, and if the vessel was beached, it would be impossible to float her again.

In view of the above, will you please revise your instructions and inform us accordingly."

Lloyd's Agents at Monrovia add that the Cavalla River Cos, Agent at that place also inspected the boat and confirms the opinion of the Agent at Marshall Junk. There is no drydock nearer than Lagos and the rise and fall of the tide at Junk is only two feet, which renders it

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impossible to survey the vessel at that port. Lloyd's Agents have asked the New York Surveyors to state what in their opinion it would be the best to do in the circumstances.

The New York Surveyors have forwarded the correspondence for the Committee's decision.

*Submitted for the consideration
of the Committee.*

*J.
19-9-29*



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