

S.S. "CHISWICK MANOR"

5 - FEB 1934

The 1st S.S.No.3 became due in April 1931 and has been partly held. The vessel has been laid up at Cardiff since January 1931 and the usual undertaking furnished.

In January last the Cardiff Surveyors stated that it was reported that the vessel had been sold to Messrs. Ambrose, Davies & Matthews Ltd., Swansea, and that the sale was subject to the S.S.No.3 being completed by the sellers. Subsequently they reported that the Owners had decided to transfer the classification of the vessel to the British Corporation.

The Owners were therefore informed that as the vessel's class had been allowed to remain undisturbed whilst she was laid up under an undertaking, the class would automatically be cancelled in the event of the overdue Special Survey No.3 and all repairs not being completed before she went into commission.

In reply the Drakelow Steamship Co. state that "whilst this Company was only recently formed and purchased the steamers, we have no knowledge of any such undertaking" and meantime the vessel has been classed with the British Corporation.

It may be stated that the Undertaking was signed by a Director of the Henley Steamship Co. and despatched to this Office under cover of their letter dated 5th May 1932, in which they thanked the Committee for agreeing to allow the vessel's class to remain undisturbed on the terms set forth in the undertaking.

It is submitted the vessel's class be expunged from the Register Book.

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