

s.s. "AYMERIC"

The 2nd S.S.No.1 on this vessel was completed in Hong Kong in March of last year, when extensive repairs were carried out. ²⁵ 11 shell plates were renewed and a considerable number were repaired, and other important repairs to the internal structure were carried out.

The ship was docked in Calcutta on the 27th of last month, in connection with repairs to the stern tube, and cablegrams have now been received by the Owners, Messrs. Andrew Weir & Co., from their representative at that port, Captain Morgan, who states that Lloyd's Surveyors have recommended extensive repairs to the hull. In one cable 12 to 15 plates are to be renewed, and in a subsequent cable further shell plates, 6 tween deck plates, ^{and} 70 bilge brackets are stated to have been required to be renewed, and that the examination is ^{shu} being proceeded with.

Lord Inverforth naturally cannot understand the circumstances, and the employment of the vessel, as contemplated by the Owners, is being seriously interfered with.

It is submitted the following cable be sent to Mr. Askett :-

"PLEASE CABLE REASONS FOR YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS TO HULL STRUCTURE IN CASE OF AYMERIC".

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