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# Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

Ocean Chambers, Lowgate,

Hull, 12th June, 1933.



Dear Sir,

Your letter S. of the 8th instant regarding the case of the steam trawler "BASSANIO", together with a copy of the Owners letter of the 2nd instant, was duly received and noted. As requested, I now report upon the facts of the case as follows:-

In February last the vessel was examined afloat by Mr. Edwards and the result of that survey is given in our report No.43446. The parts mentioned as needing repair or renewal were discussed with the Superintendent, but it was explained that complete and definite recommendations could not be made until the vessel was properly prepared for survey by scaling the steelwork which is heavily coated with scale.

On March 31st and April 27th the Owners were asked by letter what definite arrangements were being made regarding the outstanding repairs and boiler survey, and on May 1st they replied, stating that the boiler survey would be completed on her next return to Port.

On the 3rd of May the Committee agreed

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to defer action for 30 days, and this decision was given to the Owners by letter on May 4th.

On May 26th the vessel was examined in dry dock. The various outstanding items were again discussed, but no information could be obtained as to when or where the survey would be completed. Neither was any scaling done that the previous examination could be completed.

The vessel was not repaired as recommended, but it is clear that 2 frames on port side of bunkers, and 2 frames on starboard side of engine room were cropped and part renewed. These were put in hand by the Superintendent, without any reference to us, and without discussion as to whether the repair was of adequate extent. It appears probable that this work was put in hand as a result of the discussion in February last, but we were not advised that any repairs were being put in hand at all.

No attempt has been made to have the vessel scaled that proper examination may be made of the steel work for the arrangement of repairs which are urgently needed. No suggestion was made to us that the Owners contemplated a six day voyage instead of the usual one of three weeks. And, finally, the whole position was explained by me to the Superintendent on May 31st, and to the Owners on June 2nd, and on each occasion I was careful to explain that if some kind of repair had been carried out without our approval, the repairs as recommended had not even been put in hand.

And in view of our very definite letter of the 26th May to the Owners, a copy of which was sent to you on the same day, it appears that there was no effort made to comply with the

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Society's Rules before the vessel sailed. Even the small matter of adjusting the safety valves was not attended to, although there should have been ample time for this to be done.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

*John A. Mackintosh*

The Secretary,

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