

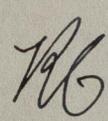
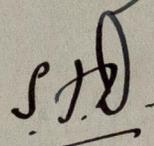
S.S. "ALSTER" to be re-named "EMPIRE ENDURANCE"
NO.69500 in R.B.

This vessel is an ex German prize ship and at the request of the Ministry of Shipping is being surveyed by the Middlesbrough Surveyors with a view to classification with the Society.

The Surveyors were recently informed that the vessel would ^{be} eligible for the notation LMC without the distinguishing mark * subject to the usual requirements being complied with together with a special examination of the shaft connecting the reciprocating engine to the main line of shafting.

The Middlesbrough Surveyors now write to say they have been informed by the local Surveyor to the Ministry of Shipping that this shaft could not be examined under one month's time even if sufficient labour could be obtained and in the circumstances he suggests that the examination of the shaft and cone end be postponed for, say 12 months, to avoid delaying the vessel. It is stated that the forward end of the shaft has been examined and found satisfactory.

IT IS SUBMITTED that in all the circumstances the Middlesbrough Surveyors be informed that no objection will be taken to the examination of the shaft in question being postponed subject to it being carried out within a period of twelve months.

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