

Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

Lloyd's Bank Chambers,

Middlesbrough, 17th July, 1940.



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Dear Sir,

s.s. "EMPIRE ENDURANCE".

In reply to your letter of the 10th instant regarding the above vessel, we beg to inform you that the Surveyor to the Ministry of Shipping at this Port states that the shaft of diameter 412 m/m, connecting the reciprocating engine to the main line of shafting could not be examined under one months time, even if sufficient labour could be obtained, which he further states is doubtful owing to war conditions.

Under these circumstances he suggests that the examination of this shaft and cone end, be postponed for say, 12 months, as delay would be now caused to the vessel, if the shaft had to be examined by us before the vessels sails. The forward end of this shaft clear of the turbine casing appears sound and free from signs of strain.

We shall be glad to know if this proposal merits favourable consideration.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

The Surveyors,

per:-

R. J. Easthope

The Secretary,
LONDON.



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It is submitted the Surveyors be informed that the contents of their letter are noted and in the circumstances no objections will be taken to the proposal to defer for twelve months the examination of the shaft in question, it being noted that the forward end of the shaft was examined and found satisfactory.

JR.
23/7/40.



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