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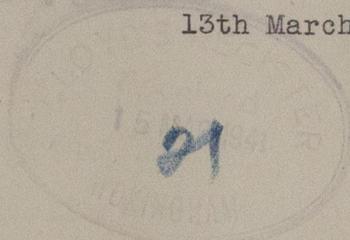
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13th March 1941.

Lloyd's Register of Shipping,
High Close,
Wokingham,
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Dear Sirs,

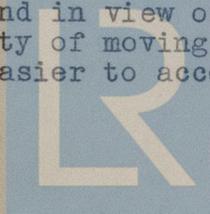
s. s. "MODLIN" (WILJA)

We refer to our letter of the 3rd of August 1940 in which we applied to you for the reclassification of the above vessel. The work connected with this and with bringing the vessel to trade has unfortunately been suspended, owing to present difficulties arising out of shortage of labour and material.

After disposing of her permanent ballast in Liverpool the s.s. "MODLIN" was moved to Manchester where it had been arranged with Manchester Dry Dock Co. Ltd., to dry-dock her and carry out all necessary work connected with reclassification and bringing the vessel to trade conditions.

Upon her arrival at Manchester notification was received from the Ministry of Shipping that the Manchester Dry-Dock had more urgent work in hand, and that the work on the s.s. "MODLIN" could not be carried out there.

As you have probably been informed by your Surveyors who inspected the vessel at Liverpool and Manchester, the ship is still in very good condition. While appreciating the difficulties in shipyards caused by shortage of labour and materials, and the policy of the Ministry of Shipping to press forward short term jobs at the expense of longer term jobs, it seems a pity that this ship is lying idle at a time when all possible available tonnage is so important to the common cause, and in view of the above difficulties, we are considering the possibility of moving the vessel to U.S.A. or Canada, where it would be much easier to accomplish the necessary work.



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It would however be necessary to bring the ship
a seaworthy condition, and we should therefore be much
obliged if you would consider our request and survey the
vessel, stating the amount of essential work to obtain a
seaworthy certificate for the crossing.

Awaiting your kind reply,

We are,
Yours faithfully,
POLISH STEAMSHIP AGENCY LTD.

Thank
Director.



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