

,20th September, 1945.

Dear Sir,

I duly received your letter of the 16th instant regarding the steamer "CORONDA" and in reply have to say that until the extent of the repair work found necessary for the issue of interim and freshboard certificates is ascertained by inspection, it is not possible to quote a fee.

Your remarks to the effect that you hope to avoid drydocking and get the buyers to accept the last drydocking survey report are noted, but with regard thereto, I must point out that, following a conference held in the London Office yesterday with Dr. Webster, the Society's Principal Surveyor for Scotland, Mr. Akester, Principal Surveyor at Greenock, and Mr. Davis, Principal Engineer Surveyor at Glasgow, it was decided it would be necessary for the vessel to be drydocked for inspection of the bottom, the tailshaft drawn and a sufficiency of tanks made available for inspection so as to enable the Surveyors to satisfy themselves as to the efficiency of the internal structure before any certificate could be issued for the voyage contemplated.

It is realised that this may materially affect the negotiations which are proceeding for the vessel's transfer, so that no action is being taken pending your further advices.

Yours faithfully,

Copies to Gls. Grk.

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