

13th September, 1948.

Dear Sirs,

s.s. "WILLODALE"

I am in receipt of Mr. Edgar's letter of the 8th instant regarding this case and have to say that the proposal to furnish extracts from the journals of Mr. Ronald and Mr. Sowden certified under Mr. Edgar's signature will be satisfactory.

It is desired that Mr. McCallum shall attend at this Office on Friday morning, the 17th instant, and it is suggested that he should travel down on Thursday night.

Should he require hotel accommodation while in London, I shall be obliged if you will kindly let me know in order that the necessary arrangements may be made.

It is understood that the questions which are liable to be put to him at the enquiry into the loss of this vessel are:-

- (1) From his General Examination in July, 1946, is the Surveyor in a position to state the condition of the bulwarks, bulwark stays and stringer plate? (There is a possibility of the stringer plate having been torn at the foot of the bulwark stays if the bulwarks were set outwards or carried away by shifting deck cargo).
- (2) The condition of the watertight doors in the stokehold bulkhead (it has already been noted that Mr. McCallum cannot give any statement regarding the particular condition of these doors).
- (3) What was the condition of the hatchways and hatches? Can the Surveyor remember clearly whether the hatch wedges were driven in from forward or from aft?

Yours faithfully,

The Surveyors
NEWCASTLE-on-TYNE.

Clerk to the
Classification Committee

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