

Copies for Willowdale

On 2nd September Mr. J. H. [redacted] and the undersigned visited Messrs. Stanley Pitts (Solicitor) and Hawkins of the Ministry of Transport to discuss the impending official enquiries into the loss of the "FAMAGUSTA" and "WILLODALE".

From the conversations then held, the following information would serve a useful purpose.

"FAMAGUSTA"

(1) Was the ship examined by one of the Society's Surveyors when the ship was placed upon the hard at Gravesend in connection with a leak in the double-bottom tank on the port side forward?

(2) Was any arrangement made by the Master of the ship for the attendance of a Surveyor when the ship was so placed on the hard?

(3) Is the provision of one isolated ballast pump forward in accordance with the Society's Rules?

(4) Under what circumstances did the Society issue a Load Line Certificate permitting the ship to cross the Bay of Biscay in winter?

"WILLODALE"

(1) What was the condition of the bulwarks and of the deck stringer plate?

(2) What was the condition of the W.T. door between No. 2 hold and the stokehold?

(3) Were the hatch wedges driven in from forward or from aft?

(4) What was the condition of the hatches?

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