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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

ENCLOSURES.

4th February, 1932.

Dear Sir,

M. I have to acquaint you that a link in the chain cable originally supplied to the T.S.M.V. "CONCH" broke, causing the loss of an anchor and cable. The chain cable was re-tested, after the the failure of the link, by the Superintendent of the Glasgow Proving House, when it was found that a certain of the links failed under test.

The matter was referred to the Superintendent of the Cradley Heath Proving House (where this cable was originally tested), and his report, together with the statement of the Superintendent of the Glasgow Proving House, has received very careful consideration.

There appears to be a difference of opinion between these gentlemen regarding the removal from the chain of certain alleged defective links at Glasgow, and in these circumstances I enclose all the correspondence which has passed in regard to the case, together with Glasgow Report No. 52041, and shall be glad if you will state whether, in your opinion, these links should have been allowed to remain in the cable when it was originally manufactured, and at the same time furnish me with any further remarks you may have to offer on the subject.

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I think it well to call your attention to the report made by the Cradley Heath Superintendent regarding the fracture of the link, which was the cause of the chain cable being lost, and also to the sketch forwarded with that report, which shews that the link sheared at both ends.

It will be observed that the shearing of this link is stated to be probably due to the chain not straightening itself and thereby fouling in the mouth of the chain pipe; also that this opinion is concurred in by the Glasgow Surveyor in his letter of the 26th ultimo.

In this connexion I may say that it is difficult to understand why this link should have sheared at the ends, it being concluded that the cable was side welded, and I shall be glad to have your views on this matter.

The Superintendent of the Glasgow Proving House has been requested to forward direct to you the links cut out at Glasgow, and the two samples referred to in Mr. Lewis' letter of the 28th ultimo, which were sent to this Office, are also being forwarded to you to-day, under separate cover.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Mr. H. Green,
Superintendent,
Lloyd's Proving House,
NETHERTON,
Nr. Dudley.



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