

Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

Ocean Chambers, Lowgate,

Hull, 5th March, 1938.



Dear Sir,

With reference to our conversation this morning with Mr. Watt concerning the Freeboard of the steamer "HERPORT", we have to report further as follows. Our letter of the 17th February was written when we were given to understand that the vessel would proceed to Istanbul in ballast for the survey of re-classification to be completed.

The suggestion that a full freeboard certificate was required for a limited period reached us on the 3rd instant, when we again wrote to you about the matter.

To-day we have discussed the whole case with Mr. McGuffey for the Owners, and pointed out to him the necessity for reducing the outstanding items as much as possible.

At the present moment the following are the outstanding items:-

1. Internal examination of Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 double bottom tanks, after peak tank and cofferdams.
2. The testing of after peak tank; after deep tank, wing bunkers, engine room tank and cofferdams.
3. Scaling and coating of holds and tween decks.

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S.S. "HERPORT"

4. The overhauling of bottom riveting.

Item No.1 will remain to be completed at Istanbul.

Item No.2 - As much of this will be done as possible, but owing to the disposition of oil fuel now on board, we are unable to state definitely what will remain over.

Item No.3 - Will be completed at Istanbul. But a careful examination has been made and apart from a light scale, the structure in these parts is in good order throughout.

Item No.4 - While the bottom riveting requires to be overhauled, it is efficient in the meantime, and in our opinion repairs may be deferred until the next dry docking, but within a limited period, say six months. At the same time the opportunity should be taken to examine the manhole doors in the ships bottom into the tanks.

Should it be decided to agree with the Owners request, we shall be glad if you could let us have the new freeboard certificates for Tuesday morning, as it is hoped the ship will sail on that day.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

The Surveyors,

The Secretary,

Per:-

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