

WOKINGHAM COPY.

21st February, 1941.

Dear Mr. Mackirdy,

I am rather exercised regarding the case of the steamer "HOLYSTONE", particularly as regards the wording of Mr. Shields' letter of the 14th instant.

I thought we had made it clear to the Surveyors during our visit that they cannot attach any qualifying "Subject" to an "Examined" record which should only be recommended when they are satisfied with the vessel's efficiency for the period of validity.

In the case under review Mr. Shields suggests the "Examined" record should be granted with a twelve months' validity subject to certain repairs being effected in a month's time! This is quite illogical as the assignment of the notation "Examined, with date" is dependent on the completion of essential repairs and should never be recommended until these have been complied with to the Surveyors' satisfaction.

In a case like this where essential repairs are left over just for a few weeks the proper recommendation should read "That the assignment of the "Examined" record should be deferred pending such repairs", and I shall be glad if you will impress this important point upon the Surveyors.

The case in question will be put before the Committee next Tuesday with the endorsement that action should be deferred for a short time and that the notation of "Examined 1,41" recommended should be withheld pending essential repairs as stated on the vessel's return.

With kindest regards,
Yours sincerely,

J.H. Mackirdy Esq.,

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