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Owners *Grimsby S.S. Co. Ltd.* Owners' Address  
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"BRIGHTON".

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This vessel was recently under survey at Grimsby on account of damage stated due to loading, carrying and discharging iron ore from Narvik to Immingham.

One tank sounding pipe was part renewed, one bracket angle to tank margin caulked and made tight, and two lifeboat water breakers renewed.

Minor damage was also found to a panting beam, hold stanchions, hold ladders, hatchway coamings, hatchway beams, spar ceiling, shifting board channels etc..

Repairs to the above were left to be dealt with at the Owners' convenience.

Two visits were paid to the vessel and a fee of £3 - 3 - 0 was charged.

The Grimsby Surveyors now forward a letter they have received from the Owners in which they take exception to this fee, and they state that they did not ask for or even require a classification Surveyor to attend, and that they do not know why they should be charged a survey fee which they are quite sure the Ministry of Shipping will object to pay.

The Grimsby Surveyors state that they were specially called in by Messrs. Brown, Atkinson & Co., Ltd., the Owners' Agents. The Superintendent and Agents' representative were present at the survey and they desired a damage report to be issued to enable the vessel to proceed loading cargo on the day of attendance, the reason for the request being that no Ministry of Shipping Surveyor was available on that date.

The Surveyors state that subsequent to the survey being held they were informed that a damage report was not required and they were instructed by the Agents to report the case in the normal way.

The damage appears to be of a minor nature but in view of the Surveyors having been specially called in it is

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considered they were justified in charging the small fee of three guineas.

It should be pointed out that it is the usual practice to charge a fee in such cases whether a Special Damage Report is issued or not.

The case is submitted for the consideration of the Committee.

3rd May, 1940.

*Cancel fee (w.p.)*  
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