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s.s. "QUARRINGTON COURT"

Questions.

1. Who were the Owners of the s.s. "QUARRINGTON COURT"?
2. When and by whom was the "QUARRINGTON COURT" built and by whom were the engines and boilers constructed?
3. What surveys of the engines, including the sea connections, and boilers of the s.s. "QUARRINGTON COURT" were made by Lloyd's Register between 1932 and the date when she left Calcutta on her last voyage?
4. What classification did Lloyd's Register assign to the vessel? Did the vessel remain in this class up to the time when she sailed on her last voyage?
5. When did the vessel leave Calcutta on her last voyage? Was she in good and seaworthy condition at this time?
6. What was the state of (a) the weather; (b) the wind at this time? Was there any, and if so what, alteration in these conditions between this time and the time when the vessel foundered?
7. Was the main circulating inlet valve in good and efficient working order and condition at the time when the vessel sailed on her last voyage?
8. Did any, and if so what, defect occur in the main inlet pipe to the circulating pump? If so,
 - (a) where was the vessel at this time;
 - (b) when was it discovered;
 - (c) what was its nature and effect;
 - (d) what efforts were made to rectify it;
 - (e) were such efforts properly and promptly taken, and were they adequate?
9. Was an attempt made to close the main circulating inlet valve at any time after leaving Calcutta? If so, why, when and with what result?

10. What efforts, other than those referred to in Question 8, were taken to save the vessel and her crew? Were they properly and promptly taken?

11. What, if any, further efforts should have been taken in order to save the vessel?

12. Was the engine room abandoned? If so, when and why was it abandoned?

13. When was the s.s. "QUARRINGTON COURT" abandoned, and what was the condition of the vessel at this time?

14. When and where did the s.s. "QUARRINGTON COURT" founder?

15. What was the cause of the loss of the s.s. "QUARRINGTON COURT"?

16. Was the loss of the s.s. "QUARRINGTON COURT" caused or contributed to by the wrongful act or default of her Master, Charles Henry Hurst?