

s.s. "ITALIAN PRINCE".

IT IS SUBMITTED Messrs. W.F.Chapman and F.Brooke-Smith be advised that they will be required to give evidence at the Board of Trade Enquiry which is to be held on the 19th December, in London, into the loss of the above vessel.

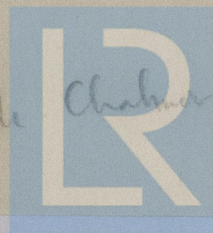
They should be advised regarding the request of the Board of Trade for statements regarding the surveys held by them in May, 1937, and March, 1938, respectively, and should forward their draft statements to this Office as early as possible. These statements should cover their inspections of the vessel, and in particular they should deal with the fire fighting appliances in the machinery space and any other matters which may have a bearing on the cause of the vessel's loss.

Copies of the attached statements should be sent for their guidance and they should modify these in any degree they find necessary, and also send particulars of any academic degrees or membership of any scientific societies, together with any other comments they desire to make.

Copies of Barry Report No. 23379 and West Hartlepool Report No. 17809 should be sent to Messrs. Chapman and Brooke-Smith respectively, and they should bring these to the Enquiry.

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