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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

9th February, 1938.

Dear Sirs,

M. I have to acquaint you that, in connexion with the forthcoming enquiry into the loss of the S.S. "SANDGATE CASTLE", the Solicitor to the Board of Trade telephoned this Office today and stated that from an entry in the Log Book it appears that 101 tons of fuel oil were lost by leakage on the voyage from Hull to New York which commenced on the 24th May 1937.

As the vessel was examined in dry dock at Hull on the 18th May (please see your Report No. 47850), the Board desire to know whether you made any examination of the fuel bunkers, or if you are in possession of any information regarding the matter.

It will be remembered that the fore and after peaks, deep tank and the double bottom, with the exception of the after tank, were fitted for carrying oil fuel, and from your Report it is noted that the bottom, Nos. 1 and 5 holds, and part of the inner bottom plating were examined.

I shall therefore be glad if you will be so good as to furnish me with any remarks you may be able to offer on the matter, but as your letter may be required to be produced at the Enquiry you should confine your remarks to facts within your personal knowledge.

The Surveyors,
HULL.

I am, Dear Sirs,
Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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