

BY AIR MAIL.

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ENCLOSURE.

22nd February, 1934.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your report No.9050 on the s.s. "DARA", which was acknowledged in my Classing Letter of the 20th instant, I have to inform you that in view of the statement in the body of your report that temporary repairs had only in the meantime been effected to enable the vessel to undertake two "coal" voyages on the Indian coast, the Committee in dealing with the case observed that you had issued an interim certificate stating that the vessel was fit to carry dry and perishable cargo, and as this did not appear to agree with the statement in the body of your report above referred to, I was instructed to ascertain by cablegram your further opinion on this point.

In confirmation of my message, I enclose herewith a copy of the cablegram which was sent to you, and have to acknowledge the receipt of your reply reading as follows:-

"DARA FIT FOR DRY AND PERISHABLE CARGO".

In these circumstances the vessel's class has been allowed to remain undisturbed for the present, but as a report now appears in the Shipping Papers here that the vessel has been sold to Chinese Shipbreakers, it is concluded that no further steps will be taken to deal with the permanent repairs.

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s.s. "DARA".

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The vessel is also reported to have left your port for Bhavnagar on the 22nd ultimo. In these circumstances and as you state the vessel is to make two "coal" voyages on the Indian coast, it is concluded that a further voyage still remains to be completed before she will leave for her breaking up port.

You will be good enough to advise me as soon as possible to whom the vessel has been sold, and at what port the demolition is to take place.

I may add that the Committee felt that they were placed in a somewhat awkward position in dealing with this case, in view of the extensive damage sustained to the shade and upper decks and to the shell plating in the shade tween decks on account of the fire in the shade and lower tween decks over Nos. 2 and 3 holds.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the
Classification Committee.

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