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22nd February, 1934.

Dear Mr. Brown,

I have had a telephone conversation with Mr. W.H.Roberts, the Superintendent of Messrs. Baburizza and Co., from which it appears that the Owners are considering selling their steamers "EPIDAURO", "ISKRA", and "JUGOSLAVIJA" for breaking up purposes. These vessels are, I believe, all laid up in your district.

Mr. Roberts wished to know, if this proposal were carried out, what steps the purchasers would have to take to obtain a certificate to enable the vessels to proceed to a breaking up port, say, in West Italy.

He was informed that the requirements of Circular No.1605 would have to be complied with, but he wished it to be understood that in all probability the vessels would be sold as they lay at present, and that any expense involved in obtaining the certificate would be the liability of the purchasers.

Mr.Roberts enquired what the fee would be and I told him that for similar surveys in this country the general examination which is required to be made of the hull, engines and boilers to obtain a certificate would be, for vessels of this size, ten to eleven guineas.

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s.s. "EPIDAURO" etc.

I understand that he required this information to enable him to indicate, in event of the sale of the vessels, what expense the purchasers would have to incur to obtain the certificate, and I promised that I would drop you this unofficial note to advise you of what has passed between us.

I think his impression is that you have not had to handle any similar cases, and he was anxious that you should know what the practice was in this Country.

You will of course receive written instructions when we are definitely advised of the Owners' intentions.

It must be understood that should the vessels leave without survey the classes must be at once expunged, as they are all laid up under an undertaking in regard to the overdue surveys, so that you ^{should} advise this Office promptly, by cablegram if necessary, in the event of any preparation being made for the vessels to leave.

Yours faithfully,

A.J.Brown, Esq.,

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