

s.s. "MAROUSSIO", owned by Mr. M.N. Piangos, of Andros.

A dispute has arisen as between Messrs. Evan Thomas Radcliffe & Co., the Agents for the Owner of this vessel, and the Maris Export & Trading Co., of Cardiff, as to whether the vessel can be described as having four holds, and in a letter dated 11th February last, Mr. Harris, the Surveyor at Barry, was instructed to the effect that he could only give a letter stating that "the vessel can be described as having four holds, if the deep tank is included as a hold".

A letter has now been received from the Maris Export & Trading Co. asking if the Society is prepared to stand behind the certificate that has been given, and intimating that legal proceedings are pending and that this document will probably require to be produced.

An enquiry addressed to Mr. Harris has revealed that he did not adhere to the instructions given him in the Secretary's letter of 11th February, and that he has in fact given a letter to the Owner's Agents informing them that this steamer "has (4) four separate holds, i.e. two forward of the "boiler room bulkhead, and two abaft of the engine room "bulkhead, the forward hold of which is so constructed that it "may be used as a deep water ballast tank".

The letter was issued to Messrs. Evan Thomas Radcliffe & Co., and it would appear that, in the first instance, no communication should be made to the Maris Export & Trading Co. unless with the consent of the former firm.

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