

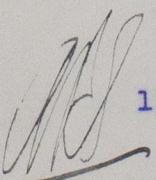
S.S. "MARCOUSSIO"

This vessel was built by Messrs. Russell & Co. in 1902, and is owned by Mr. M.N. Piangos, of Andros. She is classed 100A1 "Shelter Deck", and the record of decks in the R.B. is two decks and shelter deck.

A letter has been received from the Barry Surveyors stating they have been informed by the Agents that the vessel has been chartered as a four hold ship, and that the shippers of the coal cargo wished to load a parcel in No. 3 hold or deep tank, the hatch of which on the 2nd deck is common to the deep tank and after hold. Owing to some unexplained circumstances, part of this parcel got into the after hold, and the shippers are objecting to the vessel, alleging that she has only three holds. The Agents desire to know whether - if they should so require - the Surveyors will furnish them with a letter stating that the vessel has four holds. The Surveyors desire to know if this may be done.

According to the First Entry Report, this vessel has six bulkheads, all of which extend to the upper deck, and the bulkhead between Nos. 3 & 4 holds forms the after end of a deep water ballast tank, which is 44 feet long and extends to the second deck. There is a hatchway which is common to both Nos. 3 & 4 holds, and this would appear to be the reason why some of the coal entered No. 4 hold. In addition to this hatchway there is also a hatch aft into No. 4 hold.

According to the plans in this Office, the vessel has four holds, and it is a matter for consideration whether the Surveyors should be authorised to furnish a letter to the Agents to this effect.

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