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S.S. "DUMFRIES"

The 3rd S.S.No.1 was carried out at Newcastle in August 1929, and the 3rd S.S.No.2 became due 6,32. The class is subject to examination in dry dock (on account of grounding) at the first convenient opportunity. The vessel has been laid up at Bideford since July 1932, and she was last examined in dry dock at West Hartlepool in May 1930.

A letter has been received from the Owners stating that they are considering the sale of the vessel to Italians, and that the buyers make it a condition that a certificate of seaworthiness be issued to cover the voyage from Bideford to a Bristol Channel loading port, and thence with a cargo of coal to Italy where she would be broken up. The Owners desire to know if the Committee would agree to issue such a certificate, and if so the approximate cost of same.

It is submitted that provided the vessel be generally examined *as regards the hull, Boilers & Machinery* and favourably reported upon in accordance with the provisions of Circular No.1605, and interim certificate could be issued *with a non-perishable cargo* for the contemplated voyage to Italy *for breaking up*.

In view of the time taken for the Cardiff Surveyors to attend the vessel at Bideford, it is considered that a fee of £5-5-0, in addition to travelling and incidental expenses, *should* ~~might~~ be charged.

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