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ERNEST ROBERT LINDLEY & SONS

E.C.3.

27th May 1927.

Messrs. Meldrum & Swinson
18, Creedchurch Lane,
Leadenhall Street,
E.C.3.

Dear Sirs,

S.S. "ESSEX ISLES"
Damage to Keel Strake Plate No.21.
and A. Strake Plate No.23.

You will recollect that this vessel was surveyed in Dry-Dock at Rotterdam by Lloyd's Register in December 1925 and January 1926, Report No. 14847 A., and that upon this occasion various repairs were effected, as detailed in the Surveyor's report. When the vessel was drydocked again at Rotterdam in November 1926 for the survey of damage caused by grounding at Palermo in August 1926, it was ascertained that Keel Strake Plate No. 21. and A. Strake Plate No.23 were set up, and it is alleged that this damage was in existence when the vessel was surveyed by Lloyds Register in December 1925/January 1926.

To enable us to ascertain the truth of this assertion we shall be obliged if you will kindly ask Lloyd's Register to find out from the surveyor:-

1. Whether these two Plates were examined at the time.
2. What was their then condition.
- 3 Whether the keel blocks upon which the vessel rested prevented a proper examination of the Plates.

We are, Dear Sirs,

Yours very truly,

(Sgn)

Ernest Robert Lindley & Sons.