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Port ALEXANDRIA,

16th July, 1940.

This is to Certify that

I, HENRY BISHOP,

the undersigned Surveyor to this Society did at the request of Messrs. PHARAONIC MAIL LINES S.A.E., Alexandria, and Captain YOUIL Master of the Steel Screw Cable Vessel "RETRIEVER" 674 tons gross of London, attend on board that vessel whilst she was lying anchored in the outer harbour of this Port in order to survey vessel afloat, the Master reporting the vessel to have touched the bottom whilst carrying out cable service operations near Agami, outside the Port of Alexandria about 9.35 M. on the 15th July 1940. There was a slight swell and breeze at the time of touching the ground causing vessel to rise and pound, vessel shortly afterwards refloated with own power and proceeded into this Port, whilst proceeding slight leakage was found on sounding No. 1 double bottom tank carrying fresh water.

Admiralty divers attended the vessel the same day 7.0 P.M. and reported that no damage had occurred as far as could be ascertained but definite signs were noted that the vessel had touched bottom at the forward end of Port bilge keel.

On taking soundings at seven P.M. the leakage had increased to three inches and no alterations of soundings in other tanks.

After examination of all particulars the vessel was examined and soundings taken and it was evident that leakage existed in the No. 1 double bottom tank but was of a minor nature and under control of

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ship's pumps and in the opinion of the undersigned leakage was due to strained bottom shell rivets resulting on the said accident.

As the N°1 double bottom tank top doors were not accessible and the leakage under control, also the vessel urgently required to complete her service operation, I am of opinion that action for repairs in Drydock may be deferred until the first convenient opportunity, when it is recommended that vessel be drydocked for further survey and permanent repairs effected to the damage sustained.

Surveyor's Fee and this Report:- £.4. 4. 0.

Expenses:- 5. 0.

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ALEXANDRIA (EGYPT) 15th JULY, 1940.

H. Bishop
SURVEYOR
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