8 - JAN 1940

COPY.

Enclosure.

9th January, 1940.

My dear John,

I enclose herewith a letter dated 5th instant received from the Manchester Liners Ltd. raising objection to the suggestion that we should record a casualty notation of "Abandoned after collision" in the case of their steamer "MANCHESTER REGIMENT".

The matter puts us in some difficulty as the word we suggested is quite normal to cover the circumstances of the loss as were gleaned from Lloyd's and also the Shipping Press.

We are most anxious, however, to meet their wishes so far as possible and were wondering whether we could use the record of "Lost after collision 12,39". The word "Sunk" is only used if a vessel is seen to sink, or has since been found sunk, and as there is still a possibility that the vessel under review may still be afloat as a derelict we are wondering what their objection to the word "Abandoned" really is.

It would help greatly therefore if you could possibly find time to call upon the Owners and assure them of our earnest wish to co-operate.

Please give them our alternative suggestion, and see what you can do for us.

With kindest regards and New Year greetings both to yourself and to all Office colleagues, both male and female,

Yours sincerely,

J. W. Leicester, Esq.,

MANCHESTER.

P.S. I shall be glad if you will kindly return the original letter with your reply.