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Clerk to the Committee,
Lloyd's Register of Shipping,
71 Fenchurch Street,
LONDON, E.C.3.

Dear Sir,

m.v. "CALPEAN STAR"

We refer to our recent conversation with Mr. Cook regarding a question which has been raised following the total loss of this vessel at Montevideo in June 1960. The question relates to an allegation of non-disclosure on the part of the owner and/or his representative and we confirm below the circumstances which gave rise to this allegation.

The vessel had been dry-docked in January 1959 and was due for the next dry-docking survey in January 1960, but having been committed to a further voyage from United Kingdom/Continent of Europe to South Georgia Island from which she would not return until May 1960 you were requested to grant an extension of survey until the vessel's return. Your representatives, therefore carried out a partial general examination at Liverpool and Sandefjord and your authority for deferment was duly obtained.

During the vessel's call at Husvik Harbour, South Georgia in June 1959 she took the ground during loading operations and became fixed in the mud. During the subsequent manoeuvring in order to re-float, the vessel's engines were strained and this was subsequently reported to Underwriters who instructed the Salvage Association Surveyor to carry out an examination at Liverpool.

It is alleged that:-

- (1) When applying for extension of survey the owner or his representative did not disclose to your surveyor that the vessel had been aground on her previous voyage.
- (2) Had this fact been mentioned your Surveyor would have insisted upon examination in dry-dock before granting an extension.

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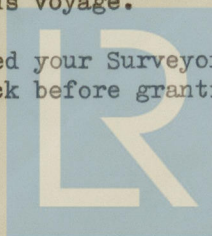
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Letter of 14/7/60 from W. Brundage
asking for 12 months' postponement (9/60)
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Grants in South Georgia 6/59.



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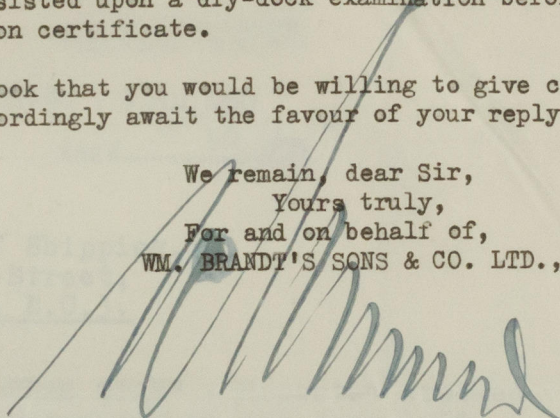
lerk to the Committee, Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

The matters upon which we should like to receive confirmation are:-

- (1) that it is not absolutely necessary for the owners to report such casualties to the society,
- (2) that even if this incident had been reported then you would not necessarily have insisted upon a dry-dock examination before granting an extension certificate.

We understood from Mr. Cook that you would be willing to give confirmation as above requested and we accordingly await the favour of your reply.

We remain, dear Sir,
Yours truly,
For and on behalf of,
WM. BRANDT'S SONS & CO. LTD.,


Director.



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