

"ESSO BIRMINGHAM"

Submitted that Mr. Bennett, Principal Surveyor, New York, be instructed ^{by cable} to arrange for a Senior Ship Surveyor to join in the Damage Survey and repair of this vessel on arrival at Galveston.

Further submitted Mr. Bennett be advised of the cable received from Port of Spain dated the 24th March, from which it will be noted that the Surveyor recommended that this vessel could load a cargo in the condition stated without effecting any repairs. It also would appear that the Surveyor was joined by the Ship and Engineer Surveyor Mr. W.S. Holness from Aruba. Mr. Bennett should be advised that it is considered the Surveyors' recommendation permitting this vessel to load in the condition stated was entirely unsatisfactory, and that in any future case of serious damage of this nature the Surveyor sent to join the local Surveyor should be an experienced Ship Surveyor. Further, it now transpires that the Owners decided to allow the ship to proceed in ballast to Galveston, and that the Port of Spain Surveyor has issued a Seaworthy Certificate on that basis.

Mr. Bennett

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