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**PORT OF GLASGOW**

*For Mr. Potts  
Wokingham*

Enclosure.

3rd April, 1942.

Dear Sir,

"EMPIRE AIRMAN"

With reference to Mr. Potts' telephone conversation to-day, I think it well to inform you that the question of the defect which has developed in the sternframe of the above ship, and in two sister ships built under the supervision of the British Corporation, has been the subject of correspondence with the Admiralty, who draw attention to the onerous nature of the service imposed upon tankers, particularly owing to the fact that they are compelled to use the northern route under winter conditions. In these circumstances a plan shewing suggested reinforcement has been prepared in this office and concurred in by Sir Amos Ayre. A copy of this plan is forwarded for the Surveyors' information, with a view to similar or equivalent reinforcement being fitted in the "EMPIRE AIRMAN".

I am, Dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,

pro Secretary.

The Secretary,  
LIVERPOOL.



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