

Mr. Cook

Steamer "MATADOR"

A memorandum regarding this case was prepared on the 29th May, and is attached hereto. It is now thought well to add that Mr. de Lasala, the writer of the attached letter dated 3rd June, controls through his Company thirty ships in all, fourteen of which are classed with this Society, and thirteen with the Bureau Veritas.

Mr. de Lasala has always been a rather difficult man with whom to deal, and he is still very cross with the Committee for expunging the class of his "GOULBURN" now named "YARRA BREEZE" in 1955.

Mr. de Lasala was in daily touch with me last week complaining about the "MATADOR", and as he wanted a copy of Genoa report No. 1647(d) which was prepared on behalf of the Salvage Association, he was referred to that Association.

I understood he would be sending in particulars (including photographs) of the defective items, but until we receive more specific allegation as to the parts of the ship which were found by him to be unsatisfactory, it does not seem that we can take the case up with our Surveyors.

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9th June, 1958.

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