

"MONARCH OF BERMUDA"
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I have to-day interviewed Mr. Basil Sanderson and Mr. Keville regarding this ship, which Messrs. Shaw, Savill & Albion are to manage for the Ministry of Transport.

Mr. Sanderson has received no information from the Ministry which would indicate that for the emigrant service on which the ship is to be engaged a continued classification with this Society is not desired. The Company's Superintendents have recently been in touch with Dr. Webster, and Mr. Sanderson is strongly in favour of utilising the Society's services during the reconstruction and thereafter, and referred to the knowledge which the Society possesses of this ship, including the high tensile steel and the electrical propulsion.

I understand that a short trial trip of the machinery is to take place shortly, and that a seaworthy certificate will be required for these trials. Negotiations are in hand for the reconstruction either at Portsmouth Dockyard or by Messrs. Thornycroft, Southampton, but nothing is yet fixed.

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