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TAKORADI.
23rd December, 1950.

REPORT OF PRELIMINARY SURVEY ON
S.S. "MONTE NEGRO"

We, Geoffrey George Price, Master of the s.s. "LORD GLANELY" now in port, and Herbert Flowerdew, Master of the m.v. "DAVID LIVINGSTONE" now in port, did at the request of Lloyd's Agents, Takoradi, go on board the s.s. "MONTE NEGRO" aground outside Takoradi Harbour, to advise and assist the Master:

Boarded her at 1000, 23/12/50 and found vessel had no local chart, so sent immediately to m.v. "DAVID LIVINGSTONE" and obtained one.

Bearings taken placed ship on the 21 foot patch off the Breakwater and found ship hard and fast aground with little movement, swell of about three feet running at the time.

Inspected No.2 lower Hold which was only hold accessible with cargo near tank top. The after end both sides had cargo some three feet above tank top and bilge boards visible. No signs of water in Hold and ship showed no signs of strain there.

Soundings of bilges and depth of water taken at 1145 in company with ship's Officers are as appended. Bottom very hard some sand but also rock or stones.

Suggested to Master immediate jettison of cargo over-side but he wished another attempt at highwater at 1600 hours this day to pull ship off with assistance of tug.

Radio sent at once to Lloyd's Agents requesting tugs (two) and subsequent radio to arrange jettison of cargo with four gangs if vessel did not come off at high water.

Attempt made at high water with one tug pulling for one and a half hours with engines going full speed stern. Vessel now lifting aft to five foot swell but ship remained hard and fast aground. No sand stirred up by engines apparently.

Further suggestion of laying out anchor astern considered by Master not possible also no suitable wires on board.

Arrangements to carry out jettison as above agreed to.

Left ship at 1700.

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