

s.s. "ESSEQUIBO".

Telephone message received from Southampton, 25th July, 1935.

"I have recommended that ten out of twelve tarpaulins be supplied (she only has two in the whole complement), also a large number of hatch boards to be renewed or repaired, including the complete outfit for No.1 hatch.

I learned today that it is not intended to do anything about this matter.

I have consulted the Board of Trade, who will stop the ship if the tarpaulins are not supplied, but they are inclined to let the hatch boards go for a voyage of five days only.

The Owners' people down here quite agree that the hatch boards are bad, but they will not pay the price to Thornycroft's for replacement or renewal of these."

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