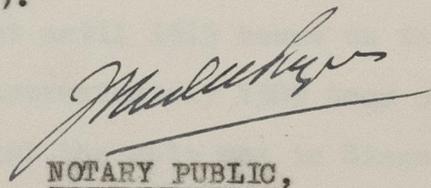


- TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS shall come  
I JOHN HAROLD PAYNE Notary Public duly authorised admitted  
and sworn residing and practising at Singapore in the  
Colony of Singapore DO HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 30th  
day of December One thousand nine hundred and fifty-four  
(1954) personally appeared before me VICTOR JENSEN, TORBEN  
VILHELM BRAG NIELSEN and ROBERT RODGER the declarants named  
in the Statutory Declaration hereunto annexed and marked  
"A" being persons of good repute and worthy of credit and  
by solemn declaration which they then took before me did  
sign and then solemnly and sincerely declare the contents  
of the several matters and things mentioned and contained  
in the said declaration to be true and I FURTHER CERTIFY  
that the names " V. Jensen ", " Brag Nielsen "  
and " R. Rodger " thereto subscribed are of the proper  
handwriting of the said Victor Jensen, Torben Vilhelm  
Brag Nielsen and Robert Rodger.

- IN FAITH AND TESTIMONY WHEREOF

I have hereunto subscribed my name  
and affixed my Seal of Office at  
Singapore aforesaid this 31st day  
of December in the year of our Lord  
One thousand nine hundred and fifty  
four (1954).



  
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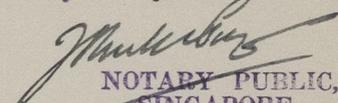
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NOTARY PUBLIC,  
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- We, VICTOR JENSEN and TORBEN VILHELM BRAG NIELSEN presently in the Colony of Singapore the Owners' Superintendent and the Ship's Underwriters Superintendent respectively and ROBERT RODGER of No. 2 Laidlaw Building Battery Road Singapore Lloyds Register of Shipping Surveyor DO SOLEMNLY AND SINCERELY DECLARE as follows :-

1. From information given to us we verily believe as follows :-

- (a) The Motor Ship "LEXA MAERSK" registered in the Port of Copenhagen Denmark of the burthen of 5,720 registered tons arrived in the Port of Singapore at 15.00 hours on Sunday 19th day of December 1954 laden with a cargo of approximately 1,404 tons for ports beyond Singapore comprising 400 tons seedlac 200 tons teak and the remaining 804 tons of general merchandize. The vessel commenced loading further cargo in the Roads and then went alongside the wharf of the Singapore Harbour Board at Godowns No. 6A at 08.00 hours on Tuesday the 21st day of December 1954.
- (b) In view of the public holidays and to enable the ship to continue loading night and day the ship left the said wharf at 0.600 hours on Friday the 24th day of December 1954 and anchored in the said Roads of the Port of Singapore and continued loading throughout the night until 1615 hours on the 25th December 1954. Approximately 1300 tons of rubber were loaded whilst the ship was in Singapore prior to continuing its voyage to United States of America and Canada via Penang and other Ports.

(c) At 1615 hours on the 25th December 1954 an outbreak of fire was discovered which rapidly spread throughout the vessel. Passengers were disembarked and later in the evening crew had to abandon the ship despite the efforts of the Captain, Officers and crew and the Singapore Harbour Board Fire Brigade.

(d) The ship continued to burn fiercely throughout 26th, 27th and 28th December when she was beached off Tanjong Rhu within the limits of the Singapore Harbour Board by the tugs of the Singapore Harbour Board. The fire was ultimately extinguished during the early hours of Thursday 30th December 1954.

2. We and each of us have this afternoon visited the vessel and inspected the same as far as practicable and we and each of us hereby certify that after such examination of the Motor Ship "Lexa Maersk" we are of the opinion that the said vessel is not worth repairing.

We and each of us make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

DECLARED at Singapore this )  
30th day of December 1954. )

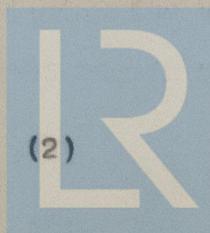
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Before me,

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DATED 30<sup>th</sup> December, 1954.

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RE MOTOR SHIP "LEXA MAERSK"

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STATUTORY DECLARATION

OF

MESSRS. V. JENSEN, T.V.B. NIELSEN  
and ROBERT RODGER.

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Drew & Napier,  
Singapore.



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