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LYLE SHIPPING COMPANY, LIMITED.

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GLASGOW, C.2. 18th December, 1940.

Secretary,
Lloyd's Register of Shipping,
95 Bothwell Street,
GLASGOW, C. 2.

LLOYD'S REGISTER
GLASGOW

19 DEC 1940

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Dear Sir,

S.S. "EMPIRE BUFFALO".

In reply to your letter of 16th instant we have to say that the general examination to which you refer was presumably the one held in New Orleans at the time the vessel was taken over. Our records show that she was actually transferred from her former Owners to ourselves, on behalf of His Majesty, the King, 2 p.m. 3rd June at New Orleans. Vessel thereupon loaded at that port and reached Swansea on 3rd August where she remained until 11th October, say ten weeks.

The enclosed letter from the Swansea Surveyors with Debit Notes gives a record of the further survey work overtaken by the Registry Surveyors at that port. We know from our Superintendent that the Surveyors devoted a great deal of time to the vessel.

Will you kindly say whether, notwithstanding what was done at Swansea, it will still be the Registry's wish for another general examination to be held within six months of the first, which would mean this present month. As a matter of fact, since leaving Swansea on 11th October vessel has carried out one coal cargo to Las Palmas and gone on from there in ballast to Baltimore where she arrived on Friday last, 13th, and where arrangements had been made for drydocking her probably on Saturday or Monday last for hull cleaning and painting. It is not unlikely that the Registry Surveyors will have been in attendance to see the condition of vessel's bottom when she was in drydock at Baltimore a few days ago. She is about to load in Baltimore a cargo for U.K.

In the light of the foregoing will you kindly advise us whether anything more is to be done with regard to a general examination until the vessel reaches this country, probably about middle to end January.

Yours faithfully,
LYLE SHIPPING COMPANY, LTD.,

W. S. Shearer

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Stringers.....	Have Ventilators and their Coamings been examined	Stringers, Clamps & Shells	ditto.....
Inner Bottom Plating	and found efficient?	Salting	ditto.....
		(State if examined)	