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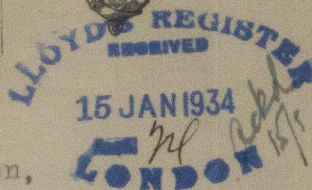
MERCANTILE MARINE DEPARTMENT,

BOARD OF TRADE,

GREAT GEORGE STREET,

WESTMINSTER, S.W.1.

13th January, 1934.



Gentlemen,

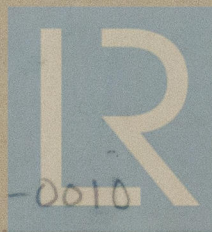
I have been instructed by the Board of Trade to make a preliminary inquiry regarding the cause of the loss of the S.S. CULMORE on the 13th ultimo whilst on a voyage from Blyth to Rochester with a cargo of coal. It is understood that a Special Survey of the ship was made recently by Lloyd's Surveyors and I should be obliged if you would be good enough to forward to me the following information at your early convenience so far as it is possible from your records of survey or within the knowledge of the Surveyors:—

- (1) Were wing as well as centre suction fittings fitted to the Nos. 1 and 2 double bottom tanks.
- (2) Were all the sections tested and if wing suction fittings were fitted, were they capable of being tested independently and, if so, were they so tested.
- (3) What means of closing were provided for the outlets of the double bottom air pipes on the well deck.

Committee of Lloyd's Register,
71, Fenchurch Street,
London,
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Referred to the Chief Ship Surveyor,

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Also for Mr. Carey to note

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- (4) Which freeing ports, if any, were fitted with hinged plate shutters and were they of the balanced type or otherwise.
- (5) What type of lashings were provided for the well and raised quarter deck hatchways.
- There is evidence from persons who loaded the ship for her last voyage that a transverse wood bulkhead was fitted at about one frame space forward of the fore end of the well hatchway, whereas the plans show no such bulkhead, a main steel bulkhead being shown on the available plans at some 12 feet forward of the hatch. Can your Surveyors say whether a wood bulkhead was fitted as stated above?

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

W. H. Johnston

Officer appointed by the Board of Trade
under Section 465 of the Merchant
Shipping Act, 1894.

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