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Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

Empire House, Mount Stuart Square,

Cardiff, 5th. February, 1944.

Dear Sir,

10,000 ton Tanker "MARKAY".

In reply to your letter of the 26th. ultimo I would advise that the Ministry have now decided to proceed with temporary repairs at Swansea in accordance with the plans as forwarded to you on the 22nd ultimo and it has been arranged that Messrs. Lithgow, Greenock, will pre-fabricate some of this material.

An alternative proposal by the Ministry that the vessel be cut through amidships, the forward half scrapped and the after half towed to the States was not acceptable to the Owners and I could not but point out that the vessel thus severed - then a hulk - could scarcely be identified with the vessel as at present classed. Admittedly the temporary repair is probably the most extensive ever undertaken particularly for an Atlantic crossing but all circumstances considered, it has been decided to proceed.

Work meantime is concentrated on the special drydocking stools since on completion of these the vessel could readily be undocked and re-drydocked if the drydock was temporarily required for another vessel.

The revised date for temporary repair is now three months having regard for labour and material difficulties.

Meantime Mr. Finnigan has expressed to me and advises having communicated to his Owners, their considerable obligation to the Society for assistance given to reach a decision and particularly in the preparation of the plans.

I should advise that on further consideration I am recommending the filling up of the girder sections solid with concrete to help make up for loss of bottom weight and thus improve her seaworthiness on passage.

The photographs loaned to me are again forwarded in case they are of present interest but should be returned.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

The Secretary,
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