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COAL FOR RAILWAY

Reports on the cargo by "IRAN", Transport Officer at Durban 13019.3.11., and necessary papers will have to be made later.

At Galle

This is an unfortunate circumstance. We asked for a steamer to be supplied to take coal from Delagoa Bay to Galle, and we are now in a position to get a ship for the purpose.

At Galle

loaded on board the steamer "TOMMY" at 10.30 hrs.

At Colombo

Colombo - Steamer is in port.
I have told him to do his best to get a ship as soon as possible.
I am sending him a copy of my letter to him.
I have told him to make a charter for first class.
THIS IS INSTEAD OF THE COAL, and I have said
that negotiations for the purpose are not yet completed.
I have told him that it may be a matter of importance
to get a ship at the earliest possible date.

I do not know how we are going to stand
with regard to payment. If we have got 5,000 tons for

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the £3,000 mentioned in this letter, it represents a great saving upon the 26/10 a. ton which we have to pay for the Transvaal coal. I do not know how the qualities compare. But if we are liable for any charges for delay in respect of the coal which ought to have been shipped we may suffer a considerable loss. I submit drafts.

Yours

W. H. S.

RECEIVED "SHIPLANDER, VIC. LONDON."

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MINISTRY OF SHIPPING.

13 March 1919

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RE 14 MAR 9

Sir,
With reference to your letter of the 3rd instant, no. 16721/1919 regarding the S.S. "IRAN" I am directed by the Shipping Controller to advise you that the report from Durban mentioned in my letter of the 6th instant, has now been received. It appears that the S.S. "IRAN" was loaded in Durban with the object of arranging for the loading to take place while certain necessary repairs were being executed and so avoiding delay. This was done by the Naval Transport Officer at Durban who was unfortunately unaware that a cargo had been arranged for the steamer Delago Bay.

The Transport Officer has also paid out the sum of £2810.8.11 in respect of this cargo and therefore the necessary adjustment will have to be arranged with him later.

Yours very truly, your obedient servant,

John H. and

RECEIVED "SHIPLANDER, VIC. LONDON."

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SB

Downing Street,

March, 1919.

DRAFT.

Sir,

Secretary,

MINISTRY OF SHIPPING.

MINUTE.

Mr. Bottomley,

Mr.

Mr. Grindell

H. Lambert

H. Head

Sir J. Jardine

Col. Ameru

Lord Milner

I am, etc. to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th March No. 2794/4 N.E.B. 26932, on the subject of the coal shipped to Kilindini by the S.S. "Iran". Lord Milner notes that coal was loaded on this steamer at Durban instead of at Delagoa Bay.

2. As the B.P.A. Corporation had been requested provisionally to arrange for 5,000 tons of coal to be ready at Delagoa Bay for shipment by this steamer, it is possible that the Govt. of the U.T.P. will be involved, by the mistake of the Naval Transport Officer at Durban, in considerable charges in respect of the abortive arrangements made, and it will be necessary to take this into consideration in adjusting the amount due in respect of the coal and the charges of shipping by the "Iran".

3. Lord Milner would be glad to be informed as to the amount of coal shipped at Durban and the price per ton chargeable for it, i.e.,

am, etc.

Downing Street,

19 March, 1912.

DRAFT.

Managing Director,

B.E.A. CORPORATION LIMITED.

Sir,

MINUTE.

In reference to the letter from this Department of the 1st inst. to you, I am pleased to inform you that he has now received information from the Shipping Controller that

through a mistake on the part of the Naval Transport Officer at Foveaux, New Zealand, the vessel was loaded in Port, and that no responsibility can be held by the shipping controller. It is further understood that the ship will be released by the port authorities without any inconvenience.

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drafts to Gov. N.F.