第三章 貨物裝卸 Cargo Work 第一節 貨物落水

During discharging operation當卸貨作業之中Overboard落於船外水中Shortly afterward隨後不久Was shown to經出示予.....

第二節 貨物短少(或 超卸 多裝) 之爭執

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We inform you that while we were loading 750 bales wood pulp Seattle/Moji, account of Messrs. "ABC" & Co. covered by Bs/L No.8, our checker at ship's side checked 740 bales, i.e. 10 bales short and claims that his tally is correct. You will see by the tally sheets that this shipment was duly checked by the ship's checker as 740 bales.

The shipper insists that the total quantity be (was) loaded aboard; their records show that 750 bales left the plant, and their checker at ship's side also show this.

Concerning this dispute, we did not wish to start a controversy with the shipper. So after due negotiations with Mr.ABC, Agents representative, he promised us to give the shipper a Clean Bills of Lading if the circumstances make it necessary, upon acceptance of Letter of Indemnity from the shipper and to inform you immediately.

At first they declined to agree to this, but we eventually succeeded in persuading them to do so, on condition that we would give our special attention to the above and make a careful check at the destination.

We trust this information will serve to explain the matter clear to you.

Voy, No.10 Homeward第 10 航次歸航Seattle/Kobe自西雅圖歸航神戶

Checker 理貨員 To check 查對

i.e. 10 bales short (i.e. = that is) 即短少 10 包

Tally理貨員Tally sheet理貨紀錄表Shipper託運人

Their record show ----- 他們的紀錄顯示----

To leave the plant 工廠出貨
Concerning this dispute 關於此項爭論
After due negotiations 經洽談協商後

If the circumstances make it necessary 若情況使事態有必要時

Upon acceptance of在受理後Declined to agree拒絕同意Eventually succeeded in終於成功的

In persuading them to do so 說服(勸說) 他們如此做

On condition that 在那條件下

Make a careful check at the destination 在目的港(卸貨港)做仔細核對

To explain the matter對此事件說明Letter of indemnity損害賠償書

We inform you that the above goods were (was) over carried at your port. Would you please send it to the destination by the earliest convenience?

Voy. 26 outward 第 26 航次出航

Short landed 短卸

The above goods 上列所記貨物

Destination 目的地
By the earliest (carlist) convenience 得便儘早
Cotton sheeting 木棉布

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Re: One package overloaded at Nagoya Voy: No.10 Outward

At the time of loading at Nagoya present voyage, on 17th Sept. One case merchandise marked probably "ABC" was reported to have been overloaded and mixed into Seattle Cargo, about which, we believe, you have already been informed by the Nagoya people.

In view of this, we would appreciate it very much, if you would kindly instruct your dock office or those in charge of Checking Cargo to be careful in checking over the cargo discharged, and in case it outturns at yours. Please arrange to inform the Nagoya Branch and us accordingly.

Yours very truly,

Merchandise overloaded 多載商品

Reported to have been mixed into 貨物已被混淆裝入之報告

About which 就此而言

You have already been informed 早已得到報告

The Nagoya people 名古屋分公司人員 In view of this 由這事件看來

Instruct 指示

碼頭事務所

Those in charge of checking cargo 貨物檢數負責人員

In case it outturns 若其被找出來時

Per our homeward voyage 就本輪歸航之際

According 適宜的

<u>Diversion of Hosiery Goods marked "ABC"</u> <u>Antwerp / Yokohama, B/L No. 70</u>

We confirm our telephone conversation with you this afternoon through Mr. CCC, Wharf director (碼頭主任), when you informed us that the above mentioned parcel originally shipped from Antwerp for discharge at Yokohama is to be diverted to Kobe delivery in compliance with the shipper's request, if it is practicable.

The parcels in question being stowed into Hatch No.2 and No. 5 Tween Decks and upon our immediate examination of the stowage, the progress of the stowage so far permits us to accept the shipper's request by shifting some other cargo here. We hope you will issue the Bill of Lading for this lot for Kobe discharge on receipt of shipper's Letter of Guarantee against probable shortage or breakage in outturn at Kobe.

We trust that our special attention will be given to meet shipper's wishes satisfactorily at the port of discharge.

Telephone conversation 電話洽談 Is to be diverted 變更 In compliance with 依從

The shipper's request託運人之要求If it is practicable若可實行的

Shifting 調換

Issue 頒發 發行

Shipper's letter of Guarantee 託運人之保證書

On receipt of 受領到
Probable shortage 可能短少
Breakage 破損
In outturn 在卸貨時
At the port of discharge 在卸貨港

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<u>Diversion of 70 cases Japanese Green Tea</u> Shimizu / New York, Bs/L No. 76 to Overland.

We inform you the after we sailed from Yokohama on 30th dec. 1986, we received a radio message from our Shimizu Agents, Messrs, & Co., requesting us to divert the above-mentioned parcel from Inter-coastal movement to overland railway, and to rectify the ship's paper accordingly. We duly corrected ship's Manifest to include this diverted green tea shipment for overland railway carriage.

Although we understand that you had already been informed of the matter directly by Shimizu Agents, we wish you would kindly see that these instructions are carried out in accordance with our Agents' request.

We thank you in advance for your usual kind attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Diversion

Requesting us to divert 要求本輪變更......

 Rectify the ship's paper

Manifest

Have been informed of ~ directly by

These instruction Carried out

In accordance with The foregoing

訂正船上之貨載文件

艙單

已由.....直接通知

此等指示 執行

依照 遵從 上述事件

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第四節 船上發現漏卸貨物 (致代理行)

Re: One case cotton flannel, marked "ABC" shipped at Singapore for yours, Bs/L No.8

We inform you that above mentioned package was found on board at Antwerp, notwithstanding discharge at yours. We were sure that you received all the parcels corresponding exactly in number and mark to the Manifest of our present voyage.

The said package in distinctly port marked as "Marseilles"; there is no question that is destined to yours, so we will deliver it to you on our homeward call.

In view to the above, it would appear that you have got one package in excess or another package destined to another port.

We shall appreciate it if you would kindly make a close investigation as to the above and inform us accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

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Notwithstanding discharge at yours
Corresponding exactly
In number and mark
Manifest
Be distinctly port marked as "_____"
Be destined to yours

Make a close investigation As to the above

On our homeward call

Was found on board

在船內發現 雖然在貴地下卸 正確一致 於數量及標記方面 艙單 港口標記清楚的為..... 目的地為貴地 再回航經貴港時 予以密切查核

關於上述事件

(致公司經理)

The manager, Globe steamship, London,

Dear Sir,

Oil stained Wool Bales shipped at Port Said, Voy. No. 14 Home

We enclosed a copy of my letter addressed to Messrs. ma & Co. Ltd., our agents, at Port Said concerning the above subject, which is self-explanatory.

According to your instructions we received from you at London with respect to the oil stained damage sustained before shipment at Port Said, we paid special attention to this shipment prior to its being loaded on the present voyage.

In this connection, I have had unpleasant experience with Agents representatives at this port in conjunction with the carrying out of our company's business on board, presumably they're taking advantage of our exceedingly limited stay at Port Said.

I shall be glad if you would taking this matter up with Port Said Agents and warn them to avoid further repetition of this sort in further.

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We enclosed Self-explanatory According to your instruction The oil stained damage

Prior to

In this connection Unpleasant experience

The carrying out
Taking advantage of
Exceedingly limited stay
To have an opportunity

To take this matter up with

Warn

To avoid further repetition

Of this sort In further 茲附寄致.....

為本身釋明 依據閣下指示 油污染之損傷

優先於…… 就此事而論 不愉快之經驗

實施 佔到便宜

極度的限定停泊

有機會

與....討論此事

警告

避免再重現

此種 將來

Greasy Wool shipped at Port Said, Voy No. 14 Homeward.

Concerning the above-mentioned(above mentioned) parcel, please refer to our letter No.190 addressed to you from Suez, dated 23rd, July.

I wish to bring to your notice that on arrival at Kobe, I have received verbal complaints as to the oil stained bales of the above mentioned shipments from the consignee's representatives who attended the discharge of the cargo.

Survey will be held if the development of the matter makes it necessary.

I put the matter in the hands of the Kobe office, our representatives and requested their cooperation to make every possible effort for a settlement in the interest of all persons concerned.

We trust that in the event of further developments we will inform you accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

參照

Master of M.V. EVER DEVOTE

Refer to

On arrival at Kobe

Verbal complaints

The above mentioned shipment

Consignee's representative

到達神戶時

口頭抗速

上述所裝貨物

受貨人代表

Requested their cooperation 請求其協力合作
Every possible effort 儘一切可能之努力

For a settlement in the interests of 謀求...利益之解決途徑

All persons concerned全體有關人員Further development今後發展

第六節 回覆查詢函件 (致公司經理)

The manager, Globe steamship, London,

Dear sir,

Your letter of inquiry of yesterday's date has come to me from which I understand that complaints were lodged against us with respect to.

This is having our best attention and a personal inquiry and through investigation will be made as soon as possible.

We hope to give you my reply shortly.

Yours very truly,

Has come to me Complaints were lodged 拜受 提出控訴 Page 58

A personal enquiry
Thorough investigation
Shortly

完全查明出來 近期內

親自調査

第七節 更正可供裝貨之艙間 (致 Agent 經理)

The manager, Agents, N.N.K. Macassar

Dear Sir,

We sent you my letter No. 19 to your clerk when we finished shipment just before noon. In the letter I wrote by mistake the available space 150 tons which I missed to deduct for Batavia allotment(分配) 20 tons.

Please revise as follows:

"130 tons space available including for Colombo after discharging 30 tons transship cargo."

I thank you for your kind arrangements in advance.

Your faithfully,

Available space 可供裝貨之艙間 Page 60

Your kind arrangements 閣下妥善之安排

In advance 事前

第八節 函詢可供裝載能量 (致船長)

The commander, M.V. "EVER DEVOTE" In port,

Dear Sir,

We enclosed the Cargo List; in addition to this, we have further applications.

Please keep us informed whether or not you can accept any further cargo.

In the event of your being able to accommodate even a small quantity.

Please

Tell us definitely and we will arrange to send you the required shipments.

Your faithfully

We enclosed 茲附寄
In addition to this 更加 另外
Further applications 更進一步的申請
Keep us informed 繼續通知我們
Accommodate 收容 容納
Ever a small quantity 即使僅極少量

Definitely 明確地

第九節 覆函可供裝貨艙間 (致代理行)

Messrs, Ma & Co. Ltd., Agent, Globe steamship, Manila

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Dear Sirs,

I have received your letter of ever date together with Cargo List for which I offer many thanks.

I understand that cargo booked in the Cargo List is all the steamer can taken in, but, for the additional quantity I am in doubt whether or not I am able to accommodate it at present.

I will let you know the exact available space after I have taken in half of the cargo mentioned in your Cargo List.

Your faithfully,

Letter of ever date與發信的同一天The cargo booked in已登錄之貨物I am in doubt我在懷疑

All the steamer can take in 本船可全部收納下來

At present 目前 Whether or not 是否

Accommodate收容 容納I will let you know我將告知你

The exact available 正確可供裝貨之空間

Half of the cargo 貨物的一半

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The Manager, Globe steamship, Portland, Org.

Dear Sir,

Shipment of Motor Truck.

We have received your letter of May10th, regarding the above, content of which we have learned.

We understand that you intend to ship one uncreated motor truck per our present voyage.

We are agreeable to accept it for shipment in this manner, entirely at owner's risk of loss any damage which might be suffered because of its being uncreated or unprotected.

We note the shipper that we may have the option of loading this car on deck or below deck according to the existing cargo condition of the steamer.

Under the present situation of our loading cargo. We except the least possibility of accommodating this motor truck under the deck. Therefore, kindly arrange to secure to the Letter of Guarantee from the shipper by the provision that the car may be carried on or under deck at ship's option. The ship will not entertain any liability or responsibility to the loss or damage to the car, which might occur during the transit.

You may be sure, however, that we will take all possible precautions to protect it from damage en route and when loading and discharging.

Please instruct the people making the delivery of this car to remove from the car all gasoline, oil and water after the car has been placed at the designated place of the deck.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Your very truly,

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......which we have learned (大函) 已經閱讀

Uncreated motor truck 未完成整備之之自動車

Entirely 完全的

At owner's risk 貨主負擔危險責任

The option 選擇
Existing condition 現況

We expect the least possibility 期望最少的可能性

Provision 規定

To entertain any liability or responsibility 接受任何責任
During the transit 在運輸過程中
You may be sure 閣下可以安心
At the designated place 在指定之場所

The delivery 交付

To remove from the car all gasoline 將車內汽油全部取出

The Manager, Agent, Globe steamship, Singapore May,14.,1999

Dear Sir,

Re: Live Elephants

I thank you for your letter dated the 2nd of this month, regarding the shipment of the above cargo.

In reply, we can accept it on the upper deck of my steam.

Please note and arrange with your goodness.

Yours very truly,

Live elephants活的象The above cargo上列貨物In reply特此作覆

Arrange with your goodness 請閣下作最好安排

(致公司經理) Page 66

The Manager, Globe steamship, Seattle, Wash. May,14.,1999

Dear Sir,

Sixty Live Foxes Vancouver / Yokohama, Voy. No. 19 Homeward

We confirm our conversation of last night with you that we are to take sixty live foxes for shipment to Yokohama from Vancouver, for which booking, we understand, you have been authorized and arranged in accordance with the Head Office letter, Freight Dept., file Y-150, dated Sept. 18th 1999.

The terms, we understand are that the necessary shed is to be built on deck to our satisfaction and feed an attendance to be arranged by the shipper and the animals to be carried at owner's risk. And also reasonable charge for gratuity is to be arranged on your side in case the crew of our ship is asked to care for those animals.

Very truly yours,

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Booking 貨物之承運
Have been authorized 獲得授權
In accordance with 依從 依據
Freight dept. 貨物運輸部
The necessary shed 必要的小畜舍

To our satisfaction 到達我們的滿意程度

Feed供給飼料Reasonable charge for gratuity適當的小費To care for照應 照顧

The Manager, Globe steamship, London May,14.,1999

Dear Sir,

Re: <u>Temperature of the Refrigerator Chamber</u> For shipment of Bananas

In reply to your letter dated 23rd inst., in regard to the temperature for the shipment of above cargo in our refrigerator chambers. We wish to reply that we will do our utmost endeavors to keep the temperature as near 40 F, as possible, but our many years' experiences show that the temperature of the refrigerator inevitably varies from 39° to 45° Fahrenheit (Fahr.) According to the circumstances during the voyage.

Please be assured that our continuous attention will be given to the maintenance of the required uniform temperature as for as possible in accordance with the shipper's requests.

We trust this will prove satisfactory to the shipper and we hope you will book this shipment.

Yours faithfully,

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Temperature 温度

Inevitably 不可避免的 必然的

Vary 變化

Continuous attention 不斷的注意

Maintenance維持Uniform一定的

Book this shipment 攬載此項貨物

Mr. A.P.Stanley May 14,2000

W.R. Grace & Company, Agricultural Chemical Group, 100 N main street., Memphis, Tennessee 9883

Dear Sir, Page 69

During completion of discharging the Ammonia Cargo in Wilmington N.C. on Aug. 13th, 1999. There was on Ammonia spill during disconnection of the cargo hose.

The crossover valve and the ball valve at the end of the cargo hose were closed. The shore crews disconnection the hose partially and Ammonia started to leak from the disconnection.

The Chief Mate observed from the deck of the ship that the shore fill valve was possibly not fully closed. He suggest to check this valve position and it was found to be partially open, upon closing this valve, the Ammonia stopped leaking.

The ship valves were properly functioning and were secured so no Ammonia leaked from the shipside.

Since this action was attribute to the shore connection crew, a report was not filed.

Very truly yours,

第十四節 補償延滯船期通知書 Notice of Demurrage

Maryland, Import Co.,
Portland, Maine.

Date: 23rd,May.,2000
Port: Portland

Gentleman:

This will serve to remind you that the M.V. "EVER DEVOTE" now discharging paper pulp at the "State pier", will have reached at the end of her stipulated lay days tomorrow at "10:00 A.M."

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In accordance with charter party, demurrage will commence at that time and continue until the vessel is wholly discharged, and will be in sum of U.S.\$777.00 per day, or a fraction thereof, dating from the time demurrage stated.

It is expected that you will pay the above mentioned sum daily as long as the vessel remains on demurrage, I shall call at your office at 3:00 P.M. each day to receive payment.

Very truly yours,

Date: 23rd May 2000 Port: Kaohsiung

Re: M.V. "Name of the ship"

Dear Sir,

On the basis of this vessel lifting approximately 400 tons of cargo at Tokyo, we estimate that Charterers/Shippers will commence incur demurrage from approximately 15 hours tomorrow, the ___th instant.

Commencement time for demurrage will, of course, depend on actual cargo loaded, less any delay deductible in accordance with the charter party for this vessel.

Please acknowledge receipt of this demurrage notification.

c.c.

Your faithfully,

第十五節 裝卸期限報告書

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Laydays Statement

S.S. Nippon Marw

Date: April 7,2000 Port: Mobile Alabama

Charter party date Feb. 2nd, 1985 between AB Kaiun K.K. and Chilean Nitrate Sales

Corp.

Quantity of Cargo: 10,500 Long Tons of Nitrate of Sodain Bulk.

Rate of discharge: 1,000 Long Tons per WWD/SHEX

Laytime Allowed: 10D-01H-12M

Arrived in port : 1400 April 1, 1985 **Pratique Granted** 1500 April 1, 1985 Notice of readiness given: 1500 April 1, 1985 Notice of readiness Accepted: 1500 April 1, 1985 Laytime commenced: 1500 April 2, 1985 Shifted to discharging berth: 0700 April 5,1985 Commenced discharging: 1000 April 5,1985 Finished discharging: 0400 April 7,1985

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Lay	time used
Date	D H M
April 2 Wed.	00900
3 Thu.	10000
4 Fri.	10000
Total Laytime used	30900
Laytime Allowed	1012
Laytime Saved	712
Chilean Nitrate Sales Corp.	
Manager	Master of M.V."EVER DEVOT

Notice of Readiness

Date: 23 May 2000 Port: Kaohisung

Notice of Readiness

<u></u>						
Messrs, M.V. "EVER DEVOTE"						
Dear Sir,						
I, master of the above vessel, herewith beg to notify you that the said vessel arrived at the port of at hours on 20, and is now in all respects to commence loading /discharging her cargo in accordance with the terms an conditions of the charter party.						
Kindly acknowledge the notice.						
Yours very truly Master of M.V.EVER DEBVOE The Notice if Readiness tendered athours on The Notice if Readiness accepted athours on						
as Charterer						

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Cargo Work: Example

- 1. I wish to confirm the conversation I had with your representative, Mr. MA wen chung, regarding the accident which occurred last night at about 11:00 clock during discharging cargo at No. 4 Hatch of my command, in which one case slipped off the sling and disappeared, probably lost.
- Neither mark nor contents of the said case in known at present. The accident
 was immediately brought to the notice of wharfinger and Chief Stevedore, who
 accepted responsibility for it
- 3. It is obvious that the accident was solely due to the fault on part of the Stevedores, and the Chief Stevedores on board admitted the responsibility for it.
- 4. The case of Fancy Goods in question was badly crushed and was returned to Dock Shed.
- 5. Time did not permit of our telephoning you before sailing and after due consultation with the representative of the Stevedoring Co. and dock office clerk. We decided to agree with the stevedore's request to allow the automobile to go forward as billed, with repairs to be made at destination, instead of discharging here, and the stevedoring Co will adjust cost of repairs.
- 6. We wish to inform you that, as you are aware we arrived here 40 hours behind the scheduled time on account of severe N.E. Monsoon gale we encountered en route from Singapore. We were pressed to complete the discharge of a large volume of cargo in the limited time at our disposal.

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- 7. With reference to your letter of the 1st May, regarding the above shortage at your end, we regret to inform you that none of this package has been found on board after the completion of discharging all cargoes.
- 8. We shall be glad if you will kindly make a close search at yours for the above cargo short-landed here and reship the same to us, if found, by the first available steamer.
- 9. In view of this, we shall be much pleased if you would kindly request your checkers to have a careful tally taken of them when being landed from the barges or at time of delivery in order to avoid any shortage trouble.
- 10. As you are aware, although the parcel which was landed at Naples, is marked "DEF", it is indistinguishable from the above, and the probability is that the 5 cases in question were mixed in the parcel destined Marseilles.
- 11. We enclosed for your further reference, my letter of even date to Messrs....& Co., which is self-explanatory.
- 12. If those cases turned out. Please sent them to Kobe to complete the shipment, duly informing us so that we can tell there interested accordingly.
- 13. Needless to say, full freight will be charged and B/L issued and clauses as under.
- 14. We learned from some firms transacting this line of business that the shipping of such goods should be avoided during hot season as far as possible.

- 15. While commending the matter to your kind attention we would ask you kindly to make better mutual arrangement for future shipment of this sort so as to avoid any repetition of the trouble.
- 16. Owing to the fact that extremely cold weather had prevailed in this locality accompanied by heavy snowfall and much ice, before our arrival here, this pulp had frozen, and also had done a part of the baled pulp, which was stowed in the Shed.

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- 17. We have been told that similar occurrences were recently experienced on the other ship, and seeing actual condition of melting of this commodity in the ship's Hold. We are under the impression that in the present condition of nature of the contents and method of packing, it seems difficult for us to prevent a recurrence of damage unless the packing thereof be improved.
- 18. These being the circumstances, we shall appreciate it very much if you would pass on this information to the shipper on your side and inform him to improve the packing of this merchandise in future, particularly during the hot season.
- 19. We inform you that on 10th inst. We were in receipt of wireless telegram from Nagoya office instructing us that the above mentioned goods were to be discharged at Seattle, although originally shipped on board to be discharged at Vancouver, and requesting us to make necessary correction in the ship's documents.
- 20. As they wanted to complete the shipment we requested the Chief Tally-man to check the number of the stained bales so as to be noted on the Mate's Receipt while the same being taken into the ship's hold, to which they agreed.
- 21. Ship's officer who was in charge of the loading reported to me that not less than 20 bales were seriously stained apparently by grease.
- 22. I request you, please, note the actual situation and circumstances as mentioned above for your reference in case the shipment turns out unsatisfactory to the consignees at the port of discharge.
- 23. As a result of negotiation with Yokohama office people and representative of Messrs. "ABC" & Co. to whom we explained our inability to allow any such compensation in view of nature of the shipment. Also that the schedule of this line must be strictly adhered to by requirement of the Government, we eventually succeeded in prevailing upon them to discharge the shipment through the night.
- 24. Until our sailing for Yokohama the matter had not yet been straightened out, pending future settlement, and judging from the conversation we had with the representative of Messrs. "ABC" & Co. We understand that their future agreement in this connection appeared almost next to impossible.
- 25. Under the circumstances, we request you to take the aforesaid situation into your consideration in your future booking of this commodity. On our part, there is no alternative other than to arrange the stowage of the same so that we may discharge it during the daytime, and therefore, your early and full information as to loading cargo on your side will be appreciated.
- 26. In the event of your being able to accommodate only a small quantity, please inform us definitely and we shall arrange to send you the required shipments.

- 27. We did not, however, get a reply accepting the cargo until after 3:00 P.M. yesterday when it was late for shippers to get their cargoes ready.
- 28. Unfortunately, the spray was carried aft by the prevailing wind and fell on the uncovered hold of the barge, presumably doing slight damage to the cargo therein contained which had been discharged from our ship.
- 29. Please note the above and send your representative in Company with the Surveyor to attend the survey at the time of discharge and duly inform us accordingly as to its outrun.
- 30. On discharging cargo at this port the following shipments stowed in the No.1 Lower Tween deck space turned out in wet condition.
- 31. For particulars please refer to the attached Sea Protest and Survey Report, which will be sent to you direct by Surveyor.
- 32. He gave me several suggestions and granted Certificate for the further voyage in the present condition and stowage of the shipment; he will send Survey Report of which to you direct in a few days.
- 33. I should like to get it before we arrive at Liverpool, therefore, could you please mail tow copies of it to me through Marseilles Agent at your earliest opportunity?
- 34. We encountered a terrible hurricane on the voyage from Hongkong to Singapore and the ship laboured straining violently on high sea, shipping much water on fore and after decks, for particulars of which please refer to our Sea Protest noted at Singapore.
- 35. We regret, however, to tell you that snow started falling before we commenced loading cargo and continued while we were loading throughout the day until we finished which shipment.
- 36. We had dispute with the shipper as to the number of cases taken on board while Loading here.
- 37. Consequently, the relative Mate's Receipt bears the mark: "Nine tins short in dispute, if on board must be delivered."
- 38. In reply to your letter dated, the 1st April, we enclosed an extract copy of Engineer's Log, showing temperatures of the ship's chamber en route.
- 39. We assure you that it was necessary for us to force the loading work in spite of the prevailing rainfall in order to keep scheduled sailing.
- 40. We should like to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation for your dock officer for their splendid co-operation and utmost attention to the loading of these shipments under most unfavourable and entirely unexpected weather condition.
- 41. Every possible means was taken to protect the cargo: hatch tents were properly put up over the respective hatches and loads on small cars in transit from Shed to ship's side were covered with Canvas sheets whenever necessary.

- 42. From the foregoing, we believe that you will full understand our present situation. And we shall appreciate it very much if you will kindly inform the Head office and the Branch offices at the ports of discharge with a view to affording them necessary information in dealing with the matter with the consignees.
- 43. According to your loading instructions which we received this morning, we understand that a large quantity of Sulphate(=sulfate) of Ammonia will be shipped in bulk at Middlesbrough and also 2,000 tons of Bunker Coal in the permanent Bunker Hatch.
- 44. My opinion, therefore, is that above parcels might have been mixed with each other in the barges or at the times of landing from the barges causing difficulty for separate delivery with result of shortage as stated in your letter.
- 45 Meantime, we shall be pleased if you will instruct all concerned that careful check be made at the time of delivery.
- 46. Consequently, we are of opinion that they might have been mixed in the warehouse in the manner as described above at time of discharge or delivery.
- 47 This is the whole information we can afford you on the matter, and, under these circumstances we have no alternative but to decline our responsibility in this connection.
- 48. Please have the above mentioned cargo assorted carefully when you land them from the barges.
- 49. Please wire to Kobe as follow: "100 tons space available including for Shimizu After discharging 30 tons transship cargo."
- 50. We regret our inability to throw any further light on the matter.
- 51. After discharged in the shed, I inspected the alleged damage of the parcel and found that the damage is not of a serious nature as stated in your letter, but materially infinitesimal, which please take note.

52.	Although we do not possess the Survey Report of the original port of shipment.
	We believe that Capt. Walter, our Cargo Surveyor who attended us at the time of
	discharging cargo, will have the full knowledge on the matter and will be able to
	produce necessary evidence as to the actual stowage of the said cargo.