

LONDON, June 10, 1948

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AIR MAIL

No. 1324

Subject: Sale and Transfer of American steamship RICHARD MONTGOMERY

THE HONORABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON.

SIR:

I have the honor to report that the American steamship RICHARD MONTGOMERY, official number 243756, was delivered at Southend, Essex, England on April 28, 1948 at 1800 B.S.T., the purchasers being Phillips, Kraft and Fisher Inc., 385 Madison Avenue, New York, who were represented in London by Mr. Philip C. Hamblet, 27 Grosvenor Crescent News, London, S.W.1.

The RICHARD MONTGOMERY was formerly owned by the United States of America represented by the United States Maritime Commission, and grounded off Southend on August 20, 1944 where she subsequently broke in two.

Copies of the United States Maritime Commission certificates of delivery in respect to the transfer which were forwarded to this office by the Atlantic Transport Company, Limited, 38 Leadenhall Street, London, are transmitted herewith.

Respectfully yours,
For the Ambassador:

J. J. Coyle
American Consul.

Enclosures:

Copies of United States Maritime Commission
Certificates of delivery.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

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The Collector of Customs

Tampa 1, Florida

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of a copy of despatch No. 1324, dated June 10, 1948, from the American consul at London reporting the sale of the steam screw RICHARD MONTGOMERY (243756) of Jacksonville to Phillips, Kraft and Fisher Inc., 385 Madison Avenue, New York, which was forwarded to the Bureau through the Department of State. The Bureau was informally advised by the United States Maritime Commission that this vessel is to be scrapped.

In the circumstances, the outstanding document for this vessel, Permanent Register No. J-5, issued at Jacksonville, on August 5, 1943, in the ownership of the United States of America as represented by the War Shipping Administration, shall be surrendered, endorsed in accordance with the provisions of section 3.26 of the Customs Manual of 1943 to show the vessel as out of documentation following a change in property.

Copies of this letter and despatch No. 1324 have been forwarded to the deputy collector at Jacksonville.

Very truly yours,

J. W. GULICK (signed) J. W. Gulick
Acting Assistant Deputy Commissioner

cc: Deputy Collector
Jacksonville, Fla.

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