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PORT OF GLASGOW

ALEXANDER STEPHEN & SONS, LTD.,

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GLASGOW, S.W1.

22nd February, 1929.

Messrs. The Surveyors to
Lloyd's Register,
342, Argyle Street,
GLASGOW.

Dear Sirs,

"VICEROY OF INDIA".

With reference to the Freeboard for this ship, we have received a letter from the Board of Trade which alters the figures now marked and approved on the ship.

We enclose a copy of this letter, as it refers to Lloyd's Class, and we have added to the copy the original figures as now marked.

The discrepancy in Statutory height is merely a matter of point of measurement and does not affect the position of disc, as the steel deck is 1/2" thick.

The F.W. line should actually be 7" instead of 8" as marked.

There remain the Indian Summer Line and Winter Line, and we think that some misunderstanding must have arisen recently as the ship from the beginning has been designed and approved for a moulded draft of 28 ft. which is equivalent to the approved freeboard of 17'9".

This draft is an all seasons draft to comply with the safety, subdivision, etc. requirements, and has been approved by the Board of Trade both for structural strength (letter 13/5/27) and for sub-division (letter 8/9/27.)

It was also approved by you (letter 7/5/27) without



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reference to allowances for Indian Summer and Winter.

We are surprised that the Board should propose to allow a draft of 28'7" for Indian Summer, when the subdivision and other safety arrangements are made to suit only 28 feet, and we do not intend to put this marking on the ship.

Similarly, we cannot put the Winter marking on the ship, since we have the Board's approval for 28 ft. and not 27'5", and we think that the question has arisen in error, and we write you before answering the Board of Trade, as their letter refers to Lloyd's class.

We trust that you can put the matter right before we take it up with the Board, as the loss of 7 inches in Winter appears quite unnecessary and is a very serious matter for the Owners, who we are sure will have to move in the matter if we cannot settle it.

We are,

Yours faithfully,

ALEXANDER STEPHEN & SONS, LTD.,

(signed) E.B. Ralston.
Director.



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