Freeboard of Motor Vessel "VICEROY OF INDIA".

(a. Stephen Long 519)

Freeboards were approved for this vessel on the 4th instant as a condition of the vessel's class, the actual freeboard assignment being made by the Board of Trade.

In accordance with Glasgow letter dated 31.1.29, in which it was stated that "a Summer draught of 28 feet moulded "was used to determine the virtual depth for scantling purposes "and the usual Seasonal allowances should therefore be made", the Seasonal allowances required by the Freeboard Regulations were made.

A letter has now been received from the Glasgow Office in which it is stated that the Builders desire that the freeboard assigned for Summer should apply for all Seasons. They state that it has been the practice in Glasgow to use the Summer draught as a basis in determining the scantlings, but to assign an "all Seasons" freeboard in vessels of this type. This is not in accordance with the practice in this Office where the scantlings for an "all Seasons" freeboard are based on the Winter draught and not on the Summer draught.

As the plans were approved in the Glasgow Office and all the information is in their possession, it is submitted that they be requested to re-examine the approved plans and report if in their opinion the scantlings as approved are equivalent to the Rule requirements for a Summer moulded draught of 28'7" corresponding to a Winter moulded draught of 28'0", in which case an "all Seasons" freeboard of 17'9" from statutory deck line ½" above the composition on steel upper deck at side, (corresponding to a moulded draught of 28'0") could be approved.

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