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Reference

My dear Doctor,

I very fully discussed the question of the freeboard of the "VICEROY OF INDIA" with Mr. Potts this morning, and it seems that our previous practice has been to assign a line for all seasons.

It is very difficult to see how we can now insist on the Winter and Indian Summer lines, in view of our letter as far back as September, 1927, which makes no mention of this.

I learn from Mr. Munro that Mr. Rugg has stated they object to these lines being marked.

I would very much like to be in a position, if Mr. Ralston calls at this Office, to inform him that the Board of Trade assignment can be accepted for classification purposes, and it is for that reason that I sent you ~~the~~ rather lengthy wire.

Mr. Munro also informs me that the original freshwater line of 8" has now been reduced to 7".

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I trust that you had a very comfortable
journey South.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

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P.S. Your wire is just to hand and Mr. Potts has looked into this matter, and is of opinion that, in view of our previous practice, an all seasons draft could be assigned.

On looking through Mr. Potts' letters to Mr. Watt, you might think that our views do not quite coincide, but Mr. Potts explains that what he said in those letters was said in view of Mr. Watt's letter of the 18th. January, 1929, which represented a departure from our previous practice and would be followed in future cases.

In the case of a sister vessel this might place us in a very awkward position.



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