

For Mr Watt

s.s. "GORILLA", No. 70942 in Register Book and s.s. "REDBREAST"

No. 81014 in Register Book.

ms. - Burns & Laird <sup>hires</sup>. Built by Harland & Wolff 1922 & 1921 respectively

Messrs. Crawford and Jones, representing Messrs. H. & C. Grayson, Ship Repairers, Liverpool, have called at this Office and stated that the Owners are about to have these steamers converted from the single deck type with long poop and forecastle to the complete superstructure type with tonnage opening.

There is at present in these ships a very long hatchway, 82'6" in length, but it is now proposed to plate over the deck at the centre of this hatchway and to arrange two hatchways of moderate length.

The proposals have been carefully discussed with the above gentlemen, and a plan has been prepared in this Office showing the scantlings and arrangements which could be approved.

It is submitted that two blue prints of this plan be taken and forwarded <sup>the repairers & to</sup> the Liverpool Office for the use of Messrs. H. & C. Grayson and the local Surveyors, and they be informed that provided the arrangements be carried out as indicated on the plan and to the satisfaction of the Surveyors, on completion of the alterations and on a favourable report being received from the Surveyor, the notation in the Register Book with regard to the class will be altered to 100A1 "With Freeboard".

As arranged with Messrs. Grayson's Representatives, the plans of the ship <sup>Should</sup> ~~be~~ also to be forwarded to the Liverpool Office, so that they may be available for reference if required.

The representatives have been informed as to the approximate reduction in freeboard on completion of the alterations the Surveyors should forward full particulars on form 116 for each vessel.

W. J.

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