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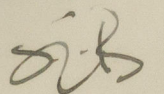
Dear Mr. Earnshaw,

Many thanks for your letter of the 21st instant regarding the "VIKING". Mr. Kidd of the Sea Transport Department wrote to me on the 17th January asking if we would look into the case with a view to assigning a freeboard corresponding to an increase of 22" in the draught. This increase is actually a few inches more than could be permitted by the vessels present form; i.e. with the present freeboard deck. If, however, all the openings in the superstructures deck were closed, the latter deck would become the freeboard deck and the scantlings of the ship are suitable for the draught desired.

Mr. Kidd has been given particulars of the various conditions of freeboard assignment for summer moulded draughts of 13' 10" and 13' 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " respectively, and if he decides to proceed with the matter, he will ask the Owners to make application for a revision of the freeboard.

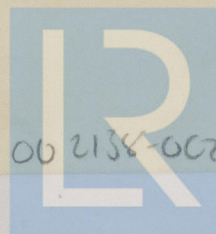
Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



E. Earnshaw, Esq.

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