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31st October, 1905.

Gentlemen,

With reference to Mr. French's Report No. 14464 on the new steamer "AFRICA", I am directed to point out that the figures given by him shew a discrepancy of some  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " compared with the measurements furnished on the freeboard and first entry reports and the plans of the vessel, thus:-

Moulded depth	11'. 9"
Stringer plate	$\frac{1}{2}$ "
Statutory deck line correction	1"
Bar keel	7"

Total depth	12'. $5\frac{1}{2}$ "
Summer freeboard assigned and reported to have been correctly marked	8"

Mean draft 11'.  $9\frac{1}{2}$ " corresponding to the assigned summer freeboard.

At the time of the survey the centre of disc was reported to be  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " mean above water line, which should therefore correspond to  $10\frac{1}{2}$ " freeboard from top of statutory deck line and to a mean draft of 11'.  $7\frac{1}{2}$ ", whereas the mean draft is now reported by Mr. French to be 11'.  $3\frac{3}{4}$ ".

I am, Gentlemen,

The Surveyors,  
GREENOCK.

Your obedient servant,



Secretary.

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