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It is submitted the Liverpool Office be informed with reference to the builders' statement that the proposed battening arrangements were approved by the Board of Trade in the cases of the steamers "BRITANNIA", "CRESCENT", "ELLESPOOL" and "ELLESWATER", that on enquiry at the Board of Trade it has been ascertained that in none of these cases have freeboards been assigned. In the case of the "CRESCENT" an application was made for freeboard assignment, but this application was subsequently withdrawn as the vessel was only intended for river service. In the case of the "ACCORDANCE" no information is available.

If the vessel now building is intended for river service only, the proposed arrangement might be approved, but if the vessel is intended to proceed to sea it is considered that, as previously intimated, a recess should be made at the after end of the coamings to allow of the cleats being fitted on a vertical end coaming.

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