

CONVENTION FREEBOARDS.

Messrs. Swan, Hunter & Wigham Richardson's Yard No.1477.

It is submitted the ^{Surveyor}~~Builders~~ be informed that provided all the dimensions and particulars now supplied be verified on completion of the ship, all the requirements of the Convention regulations be complied with, the openings in the tween deck bulkheads adjacent to the tonnage opening in the superstructure deck be closed with class 2 closing appliances, efficient temporary covers be fitted over the tonnage opening, and no overboard scuppers (except one each side in the tonnage well) be fitted from the tonnage exempted tween deck spaces, but in lieu thereof scuppers be led to the engine room bilges with closing cocks on their lower ends, it would appear that the freeboards given on the accompanying memo could be assigned when the Convention has been ratified.

With regard to the question of scuppers from the shelter tween decks, the Surveyor should be informed that in view of the proximity of the freeboard disc to the freeboard deck the case has been discussed with the Board of Trade, and they suggest that the Builders should submit their proposals regarding the arrangement of scuppers, freeing ports, and the bulkheads at each end of the tonnage openings and the openings therein.

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