Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C.3.

26th October, 1937.

Dear Sirs,

        I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant regarding the steamers "CUMBAL" and "CHIMU", and to inform you that Convention freeboards have not previously been assigned to these ships by this Society, but from the particulars available in this Office and assuming a coefficient of fineness of .70 at a draught equal to 85% of the moulded depth, subject to all the requirements of Statutory Rules and Orders, 1932, No. 96, being complied with, and the tonnage opening in the shelter deck closed by efficient temporary covers, a summer freeboard corresponding to one of the following moulded draughts could be assigned:

1. With tween deck bulkheads as at present - about 20' 7½".

2. With the tween deck bulkhead on frame No.20 omitted.................................about 20'6".

3. With the tween deck bulkhead on frame No. 23 omitted...................................about 20'3".

4. With the tween deck bulkheads on both frames Nos. 20 and 23 omitted.....................about 20'1½".

It has been assumed that the tween deck bulkheads on

frames Nos. 5 and 119 will be retained.

When the alterations are carried out full particulars should be forwarded on Rpt.C.11 for freeboard assignment.

Copies of the four computations for the different arrangements of bulkheads are enclosed for the guidance of the Surveyors when reporting the lengths of the erections for freeboard assignment. I have to say that there are no reliable particulars of the sheer on the superstructure deck available in this Office, and these should be carefully measured from the ship. The figure for the moulded displacement is being obtained from the Builders. This and the sheer value to be reported by the Surveyors may modify the draughts indicated on the enclosed computations and these should therefore only be considered as of comparative value.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,

LIVERPOOL.