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H. L. FLETCHER,
AND ENGINEER SURVEYOR.reference
Plan Sir

I beg to enclose herewith for the Committee's consideration a sketch, submitted by the Shanghai Dock & Eng Co. Ltd. - showing the altered position of the chain locker, from that shown in the approved plans, of their vessel No 1390.

With regard to this case I beg to report that some months ago I drew the Builders attention to the fact that the locker as they were originally building it in the fore peak tank, was not a watertight structure, and that it was impossible to treat the tank as a tank with the locker as it was ~~is~~ being fitted.

At the time I suggested that they tackled the matter properly, & which could have been done with little trouble or expense, but they declined to do that and I therefore in

in discussing the subject with their Manager asked him to submit his proposals, and this he agreed to do. Subsequently when I found that the locker was being built of wood in the hold I again took up the question with Mr. Burns, and suggested that as the locker was anything but a watertight structure, and that the hold could be readily flooded in a seaway & thereby menace the safety of the vessel or the stores or cargo in the hold, that he reconsidered the position & made the locker right. He replied that he would ^{submit} not alter it and that he would ^{submit} the question for the Committee's consideration, and then if not approved he would deal with the matter.

I may add that the chain ~~to~~ pipe openings in the sole plate of the windless are only about 7" above the deck level and that there are no means of closing same.

Further to the above the Dock Co's officials maintain that a wood chain locker fitted ~~about~~ the collision bulkhead is common in practise and correct, and I will therefore be glad if you will kindly advise me on the point for my future guidance.

The Secretary
London

I am, Sir,
your obedient servant
H. L. Fletcher

P.S. I enclose herewith the Dock Co's letter addressed to me, covering the plan

