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23rd May 1906.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th ultimo respecting the freeboards of the steamers "ASHRIDGE" and "KOORINGA" and with regard thereto I think it well to explain that by the term "Subject to the deck erections being closed as required for freeboard allowance" the following is meant, namely, the openings in the poop front being closed with storm boards to the full height in permanently attached channel bars, the bridge front being closed or having hinged doors to the openings, and the openings in the after end of the bridge being fitted with storm boards to at least half height in channel bars permanently attached to the bulkhead.

It was not contemplated that any alterations would require to be made to these vessels but that the deck erections would be closed as originally reported, and that they would therefore be entitled to the full allowance in the freeboard computation.

I cabled to you yesterday as follows, which I now confirm:-

ASHRIDGE
KOORINGA

(Vessels' names

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ZACATINES

(Subject to the deck erections being closed)

SIGNIFIES

ZACONE

(Subject to the poop front openings being closed with weather boards full height in channel bars permanently attached to bulkhead or an efficient arrangement of portable plates being fitted).

ZACHEAMOS

(Subject to storm-boards being fitted at after end of bridge at least half height in channel bars permanently attached to bulkheads).

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Secretary.

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