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22nd May 1908.

Sir,

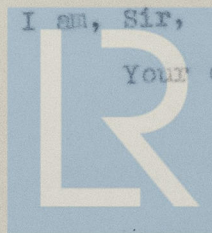
M. I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th ultimo respecting the freeboards of the steamers "ASHRIDGE" and "KOORINGA" and with regard thereto I think it well to explain that by the term "Subject to the deck erections being closed as required for freeboard allowance" the following is meant, namely, the openings in the poop front <sup>being</sup> ~~is not~~ 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, & 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 were to be made but that the deck erections were to be closed as originally reported in order to obtain the full allowance in the freeboard computation.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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