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12th September, 1905.

Dear Sirs,

S.S. "ETHELSTAN"

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of yesterday as follows, viz:-

"Owner refuses on principle to give us letter regarding  
"omission ceiling on tank top but demands certificate Wire  
"reply".

The case of this vessel was laid before the Committee at their meeting to-day when the matter received careful consideration, and I was directed to telegraph to you the following reply which I beg to confirm, viz:-

"ETHELSTAN as Rules clearly require ceiling to be fitted  
"this can be dispensed with only at Owners request kindly  
"therefore obtain letter from Owner to this effect  
"classification otherwise in order".

Awaiting the receipt of the necessary letter from the Owner which I hope may come to hand in the course of post,

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Messrs. Robert Stephenson & Co. Ld.,

HEBBURN-ON-TYNE.

Secretary.



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