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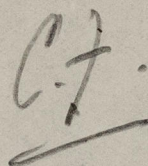
Dear Mr. French,

On looking over the plans of the Port Arthur Ship-building Co's Nos. 20, 21 & 29, I notice that a reduction has been allowed in the shell plating in way of the double bottom.

It is not our practice to permit of this when the bottom is on the open system, as shown on the midship section, and I shall be glad if you will have this matter put right.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,



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