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201, Tower Building,

Liverpool, 15th February 1921.

The Secretary,
Liverpool.

Dear Sir,

In reply to London letter dated the 11th instant referring to the First Entry report on the Motor Vessel "INDORITA" we have to state that there are three watertight bulkheads as entered in the report, and that the spacing of the quarter deck beams, which was omitted in the report, is 20 inches.

This vessel was begun nearly five years ago, and during that time the classification was in suspense and the design altered somewhat to suit the Admiralty, who purposed using the vessel. Unfortunately when at the end of 1918 it was again decided to proceed with the classification there had been a change of Surveyors in the district and it was overlooked that a plan of fore end strengthening had not been submitted. This omission was not noticed until the vessel was nearly completed.

With regard to the forecastle beams these are spaced 40 inches apart as stated in the report, but it was not observed that the scantlings of the beams, appropriate to that spacing, are light. The builders unfortunately, have had trouble with their officials, some of whom were incompetent; the manager, the drawing office staff and the head foreman who were concerned in the changes of design having all left a year ago. It would appear however that when the Admiralty took the vessel over the forecastle arrangement was modified to suit their views. The forecastle beams are well pillared; but if, under the circumstances, they are not deemed sufficient, it is submitted reverse bars might be added so as to avoid interfering with the wood deck.

The vessel's transverse strength is well in excess of the Rules, and as specially noted in the First Entry report, the extra strength of bottom and sides is carried right forward. It is regretted that with so much extra strength there is a deficiency in the forecastle beams, and that this was not observed.

We may state that the construction of the Motor Vessel "ELDORITA", No. 409 vessel which is now fitting out, is identical with the Motor Vessel "INDORITA".

We are, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully.

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