

S.S. "PORTO GRANDE". Dimensions: 97.3 x 23.6 x 10.0. Classed  
LOCAL. Flush deck.

This small vessel is constructed as a water barrier and is to be employed at St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands.

The freeboard required by the Tables is 1'-0 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Summer, corresponding to a draught of 9'-2".

In view of the small size of the vessel and the small freeboard admitted by the Tables, enquiry has been made as to the freeboard proposed for the voyage to St. Vincent.

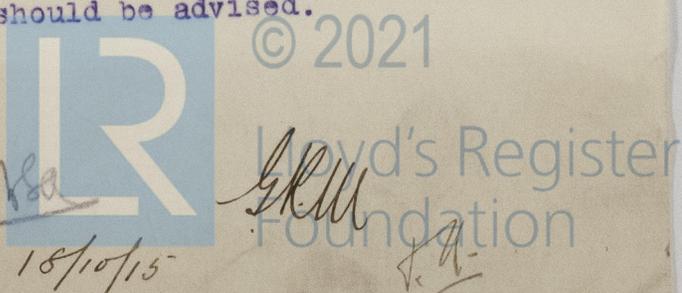
A letter has now been received from Messrs. Hull, Blyth & Co., stating they require the freeboard to be assigned and marked in accordance with the Freeboard Rules, but at the same time they undertake that for the voyage out to St. Vincent the vessel will not be loaded to a greater mean draught than eight feet.

This corresponds to a freeboard of 2'-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", keeping the centre of the disc 1'-2" above the water line, and is considered satisfactory.

It is to be observed that there is no official at Cape Verde Islands to attend to the freeboard marking, so that it is necessary to place the disc in the position permitted by the Tables before the vessel leaves this Country.

It is submitted Messrs. Hull, Blyth & Co., be informed it is noted that while they require the freeboards to be assigned and marked in accordance with the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, they will not load the vessel to a greater mean draught than eight feet for the voyage to St. Vincent.

The Greenock Surveyors should be advised.



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