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Dear William,

Mr. Blocksidge has handed me your letter of the 2nd instant regarding the cutting of a tonnage opening in a vessel classed "Awning deck". The cutting of the tonnage opening with the accompanying freeing ports and scuppers alters completely the nature of the superstructure, and the class would be amended to shelter deck with freeboard.

We have looked into the case of the "CHINA MARU", and assuming the usual tween deck bulkheads to be fitted, the increased freeboard would be about 25 inches.

If it is decided to proceed with any alterations, full particulars should be forwarded on form 11b.

As the question raised in your letter is of an official character, it would be better if in future cases you forward the enquiry officially.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,



William Bennett, Esq.,

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