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6th August, 1908.

Dear ^{Tom}~~Mr. Baker~~,

In reply to your inquiry regarding Harkess's 175, there is no limit laid down in the Regulations as to the position which a bulkhead in side of bridge may occupy, but if there is a reasonable portion enclosed the vessel is entitled to have the freeboard computed with the sheer allowance measured at ends, as shewn on the copy of the report sent you.

As regards fresh water allowance, where the centre of disc is limited to 6" below the sill of the lowest side scuttle no fresh water line is assigned, as to do so would place that line nearer than 6". The line assigned is for all seasons, summer and winter, for other than W.N.A. voyages.

I find from our records that No.175 is for Elder, Dempster & Co. and it would appear that she is the type usually employed by them on the W. Coast of Africa. I conclude therefore that she is not intended for W.N.A. voyages. If such should be contemplated, however, then it would be necessary to mark the W.N.A. line at 1½" below

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the centre of disc.

To increase the ordinary summer & winter freeboards so as to keep the Indian Summer Line at the 6" limit would be to unfairly penalize the vessel for her ordinary voyages.

I think the foregoing explanation will shew you how we have dealt with the case.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,



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