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71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

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26th April, 1929.

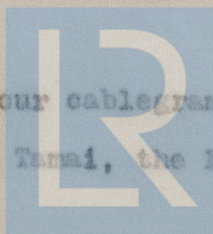
Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 6th instant in further reference to the plan of midship section approved by you for the Motor Ships, Yard Nos. 471, 472, 473 & 474, to be built by Mitsubishi Zosen Kaisha, from which it is noted that, in view of the fact that the scantlings of the double bottom in way of the engine seating were somewhat less than had been approved previously in Japan, you reserved this point in order that it could be considered in this Office.

In reply thereto I am directed to inform you that the scantlings of the double bottom under the engines in these vessels have been carefully examined, and it is considered that two additional fore and aft girders each side should be fitted, as now indicated in red on the attached sketch.

It is further considered that the thickness of the inner bottom plating in way of the engine bed plates should be increased both in extent and thickness, as also indicated on the sketch.

With reference to your cablegram of the 6th instant, I have to inform you that Mr. Tanai, the Builders' Naval



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Architect, who called at this Office in March last, is understood to be on his way back to Japan, and upon enquiry being made of the London Office of Messrs. Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha Ltd., a visit was received from their Mr. Hayeda, with whom these arrangements were discussed, and the Committee's requirements, and the reasons for the same, were fully explained to him. Mr. Hayeda requested that a copy of the enclosed sketch showing the suggested modifications might be forwarded to him, when he would communicate with his firm, and this has been done.

With regard to your request to be informed of the minimum freeboard which could be assigned to these vessels, I have to inform you that with the scantlings shown on the plans, and using a corrected tonnage coefficient of .71, a freeboard corresponding to a summer moulded draught of 27'11" approximately could be assigned.

I have accordingly cabled to you today, as per copy of translation herewith.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

H. Jasper Cox, Esq.,

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