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14th November, 1928.

Dear Bennett,

With reference to Mr. Drummond's freeboard report on the s.s. "MARTHA E. ALLAN", I observe that the fresh water freeboard allowance has been deducted from the Summer freeboard and that a freeboard of 2'0" for all Seasons has been recommended.

This is contrary to the regulations. The fresh water allowance is only intended to apply in the case of a vessel loading in fresh water and thereafter proceeding to sea.

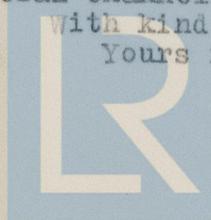
The conditions in the Great Lakes are comparable to those in the North Sea, and therefore it would be unreasonable to allow the vessel in these Lakes to load down to the fresh water line.

We are therefore assigning the freeboard corresponding to the normal Summer conditions, and as the vessel is intended solely for service in the Lakes, we are not assigning a fresh water line.

There are one or two other minor alterations and I am arranging for an amended copy of the computation to be forwarded to you through official channels.

With kind regards,  
Yours faithfully,

W. Bennett, Esq.,  
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