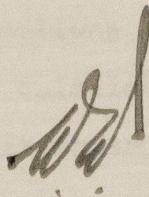


Oil Barge "SERVICE SHELL VI".

It is submitted the Rouen Surveyor be requested to inform the Builders that the freeboards assigned are the minimum permitted by the Regulations, and that there is no difference between the British and French Regulations for vessels of this type and size.

With reference to their statement that the freeboard is 13 mm. more than the provisional assignment, they should be informed that this slight increase is due to the fact that the length on waterline of the barge is now reported to be 130.1 feet, instead of 129 feet as given originally.

With reference to their remarks regarding the length correction for barges under French Law, they should be informed that the French Freeboard Regulations require the length correction to be applied to all vessels dealt with under the Table for Sailing vessels, and therefore no modification can be made in the freeboards assigned.



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