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Dear Sir,

"BLEKOK" - "SAMUDERA".

I thank you for your letter of the 17th inst. and after enquiring with the Groningen Surveyors beg to inform you as follows.

These ships were not surveyed for freeboard before leaving. There has existed some confusion. The ships being Government ships we at Rotterdam asked for the four sister ships whether freeboard assignment was desired. Both shipyard and supervising body replied "no", and it was not until the trial trip that the Rotterdam Surveyors were requested to hold loadline survey for assignment. Hence the delay and a few discrepancies now under the attention of our Djakarta Surveyor.

We now regret having omitted to also think of "BLEKOK" and "SAMUDERA", already at Rotterdam for trials at that moment.

The Groningen Surveyors also enquired timely and we passed the negative answer on to our colleagues.

It might be useful to supply the Djakarta Surveyor with a photostat copy of one of our C.11 reports, for his guidance in case the loadline survey remains to be held at Owners' request.

If my recollection is correct, "SAMUDERA" is slightly different in companionways, etc. from the sister ships.

Yours faithfully,

sgd.

The Secretary,  
LONDON.

c.c. The Surveyors, Djakarta.



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