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6th September, 1897.

Gentlemen,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, enclosing one from Messrs. Vickers, Sons & Co. Ld. submitting amended plans of their proposed S.S. No. 266, and with regard thereto, I have to state that the Builders' proposal to dispense with the ceiling on the tanks in Nos. 1, 2 & 3 holds and in the bunkers will be approved, provided the plating be increased in thickness $1/20$ " where the ceiling is dispensed with, as proposed, and the ceiling be fitted in the wings as indicated on the plan and under the cargo hatchways.

With regard to their proposal to dispense with the sparring in the holds and 'tween decks, I have to request that you will point out that sparring is required to be fitted in all cases except in vessels which are to be engaged exclusively in carrying coal cargoes, and the sparring must be done in this instance.

I have also to state that provided additional pillars be fitted in the cable tanks as shewn: the scantlings and arrangements as shewn and amended be adhered to: the Rules in all other respects be complied with, and the materials and workmanship be to the Society's satisfaction, the vessel will be eligible to be classed 100A1, "Steel" "Spar Deck".

The amended plans are herewith returned and the plans originally submitted have now been cancelled.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
(Signed) A. Scott,
pro Secretary.

The Surveyors,
BARROW.

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