

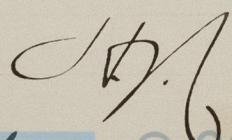
Screw Steamer "Ella" of 693 Tons  
Classed G.O.A. (one deck and awning deck) 6

This case occupied the attention of the Committee at their meeting of the 20<sup>th</sup> ult: when a load line of 11 feet 6 ins was approved for this vessel.

The Owners now submit, in consideration of the extra strength of the vessel, a maximum load line of 11 feet 7½ ins; and they also wish to be allowed to close the ports and scuppers on the main deck which is admitted by the rules.

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the doubled sheer-strake extending nearly two feet above the main deck, the main deck being of iron, and the whole of the plating above being in excess of the Rules, the maximum load line proposed by the Owners viz 11 feet 7½ ins merits the favorable consideration of the Committee, to be marked on the ship's side, entered in the Register Book and on the Certificate of Class.

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