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The Secretary,  
L O N D O N.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 15th instant relating to the caulking of steel or iron main or middle decks in vessels building by the Northumberland Shipbuilding Co. Ltd for classification by this Society:-

We beg to inform you that, as directed in your letter, we called upon the builders on the 18th instant and informed them upon the subject of caulking these decks as instructed therein.

The builders then told us that they "were quite able to read our Rules" and that they did not understand them to require other than upper or weather decks to be caulked when of iron or steel.

We assured them that the intention of the Committee was that where an iron or steel main or middle deck is fitted in spar deck or three deck vessels in place of a complete wood deck the same should be caulked and we desired them to accept that statement from us on the authority of the Committee.

The builders now inform us that they have fully determined not to caulk steel or iron main or middle decks in vessels building



by them under our survey, upon the grounds that, whatever may be the Committee's intention, the Rules do not require other than upper or weather decks of steel or iron to be caulked.

They state that the paragraphs in Sections 41 and 42 relating to caulking apply only to wood decks.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

*Wm L. Gilmore.*  
*S. Healey.*



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Referred to the Chief Ship Surveyor.

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*Handwritten notes and signatures, including a large 'L' and 'R' and the word 'Lloyd's'.*



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