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27th January, 1939.

Dear Mr. Scott,

I have looked into the question raised in your letter of 25th January regarding the beams on the forecastle of Messrs. Harland & Wolff's Nos. 1016/17. When the plan was dealt with in this Office it was assumed that the beams were intended to be fitted on every frame as there was nothing on the plan to indicate otherwise.

The suggestion in your letter that the beams are shewn on alternate frames is hardly tenable as the lines in question are almost invisible even after attention is drawn to them.

In any case the size proposed for the beams is clearly that for beams on every frame and a moments comparison with the beams on the deck below will make this clear.

In the similar vessel "EMPIRE STAR" the beams were fitted on alternates at 10" x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " channels so the Builders could not be seriously intending that in the present ships, with the beam spans practically the same as in the "EMPIRE STAR", the scantlings should be reduced to 8" x 3".

In the circumstances, if the Builders do not wish to fit beams on every frame, you might arrange to have

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reverse bars on every frame or such other equivalent
compensations as you consider desirable.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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