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BOARD REPORT on the s.s. "Homefield".

It is submitted the Freeboards given on the accompanying form, being those required by the Tables, merit approval, subject to

1. the No. 3 hatch way on the bridge deck having covers, beams, tarpaulins & battening arrangements, and any bunker and trimming hatch ways on the bridge deck, on the upper deck in the bridge space having covers, tarpaulins & battening arrangements, as required by the Convention;
2. the width of the bearing surface of all hatch covers being at least 2 inches;
3. provision being made for the fitting of lifelines for the protection of the crew in the after well, and also in the forward well if any of the crew are berthed in the forecabin;
4. Efficient means of closing being provided for the openings of all air pipes
5. the storm boards closing the openings in the after bulkheads of the bridge and forecabin being <sup>secured</sup> supported in riveted channels extending to the full height of the openings if this is not already the case, and the boards closing the openings in the forecabin bulkhead being specially supported in view of the width of the openings.

The Surveyor should report fully on the above for the purpose of completing the report.

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