

T.S. "MARATHON" ex "KUMARA" - Newcastle Report No. 95385.

It is submitted the Newcastle Surveyors be informed that in considering the proposal submitted by ~~The Blythwood~~ Shipbuilding Co., and approved on the 20th July for the removal of lower deck, it was assumed that there was no orlop deck in No. 4 hold, as no such deck was shewn on the plans used for reference nor on the plans of the vessel exhibited by the ^{Repairs} Builders' Representative.

It would appear, however, that in this vessel the orlop deck might have been retained, the plan records not being clear on this matter.

The Newcastle Surveyors should state whether this orlop deck is still fitted, and if so, whether any additional support was fitted to the beams of this deck in way of the centre span on account of the additional loading which they may be called upon to sustain due to the omission of the lower deck.

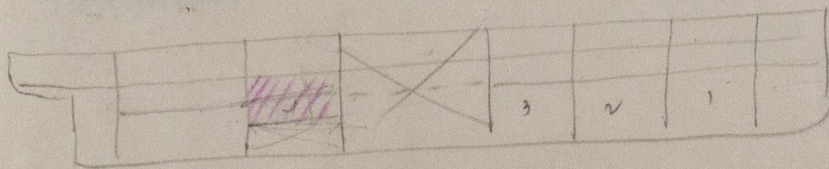
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