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Messrs. Palmers Shipbuilding & Iron Co's No.989.

A plan of rudder as prepared by the Patentees of the Simplex Balanced Rudder, has been submitted, in duplicate, by the Builders direct.

The proposals are similar to those submitted in the case of Messrs. Deutsche Werft's Oil Tanker No.119 (See Secretary's letter of the 5th ultimo and previous correspondence) it being proposed to weld electrically the rudder, in lieu of the customary riveted construction.

The arrangements have been discussed in this Office with Mr. Dodds, representing the Builders.

It is submitted the Builders be informed that the arrangements of the rudder coupling as proposed are not considered satisfactory, it being thought undesirable that the operation of the rudder by the rudder coupling should depend upon two pieces of forged iron welded to the upper part of the rudder, with vertical flanges to act as the rudder coupling. It has accordingly been required that a casting should be fitted at this part.

It is further submitted that provided the arrangements be carried out as shewn and amended on the plan and to the Surveyors' satisfaction, the same will merit approval. The proposal to adopt electric welding could be approved, subject to the system of welding adopted being an approved one, to the consent of the Owners being obtained, and to a suitable special notation being made in the Register Book, as in the previous case above referred to.

A revised plan embodying the above proposals should be forwarded to this Office for approval.

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