

When the plans of this ex-German vessel were approved in

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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

25th November, 1921.

Dear Dr. Montgomerie,

With reference to your letter of the 21st instant, respecting the case of the steamer "ARBROATH", ex "ALEXANDRA", No. 08630 in the Register Book, I may say that when the plans of this ex-German ship were approved in November 1920, it was recognised that with the exception of the bridge deck through beams the scantlings compared favourably with the Rules. As a certain measure of borrowed support to these beams was afforded by the long bridge house above, the Dundee Surveyors were requested to indicate the size and position of the pillars under the beams, in order that it might be judged whether additional pillaring arrangements were necessary. As however definite information was not available, your attention was drawn to the matter, and the remarks contained in your letter under reply have been very carefully noted.

In the circumstances, it is considered no further action is necessary.

At the same time, however, I may point out for your information that in several previous cases dealt with in this Office, steps have been taken to render such a girder as the deckhouse affords effective by the fitting of a longitudinal bracket off the front of the bridge, and by a pillar (or bracket transversely off the ship's side) below the saloon house side, at a convenient position.

Yours faithfully,

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