

Duplicate

March 6th, 1941

William Bennett
 The Principal Surveyor,
 New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

S.S. "WEST KEDRON"

I am in receipt of your letter of 14th ult. containing remarks from Wokingham regarding Baltimore Report No. 7159 and Newport News Report No. 5290 on the above named vessel.

In reply I have to state that the vessel was surveyed at Newport News for S.S. No. 3 by the Newport News Surveyor and that the First Entry and Freeboard particulars were taken by me also at Newport News. The scantlings were checked with the plan but the shell was not drilled as for S.S. 2nd No. 3, the thicknesses of the shell plating being checked at various locations where rivets had been removed and found to compare favorably.

It is regretted that the drilling of the shell was not discussed with Mr. Hudson when a drilling sheet could have been forwarded and a record of S.S. 2nd No. 3 now assigned.

It is understood Mr. Hudson has replied to the latter part of the letter.

Yours very truly,

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J. W. Buchanan
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Note - The thicknesses of the shell plating should have been recorded in the F.E. report