

S.S. "SIR JAMES CLARK ROSS".

Messrs. Framnaes Mek. Verkstaed, who are altering this vessel for the purpose of carrying whale oil, propose to fit three trimming hatchways 4' x 4' on the upper deck aft on each side and one forward, and they requested that the coamings might be approved 9" in height instead of 24" as required by the Rules, a greater height of coaming rendering whaling work on the deck difficult.

They were advised by wire that their proposals could be approved provided steel watertight hatch covers be fitted, unless the freeboard of the vessel in service was appreciably greater than normal, and they were asked to state the actual draft in service.

A telegram has now been received stating that they fit watertight steel hatch covers, and it is submitted the proposal could be approved, provided the hatchways on completion be hose-tested and all the work be carried out to the satisfaction of the Society's Surveyors.

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