

s.s. "VOJVODA PUTNIK"

This vessel is a shelter decker without tonnage opening, and the Owners desire to be informed by cable briefly as to the requirements if the tween deck were dispensed with in the holds.

The tween deck understood is the third or lowest deck in the ship.

It is submitted the Genoa Surveyors be informed by wire, as requested, that if the lowest deck were dispensed with in the holds it would be necessary to support the side framing in the holds with deep webframes and side stringers at the present lowest deck level, and to amend the pillaring adequately to support the upper deck.

It may be remarked that the lowest deck, is a <sup>steel</sup> deck which was not required by the Rules when the vessel was built.

It is also submitted the Surveyors be informed by cable, as requested, that if a tonnage opening is fitted in the shelter deck the present freeboards will be increased 2'-0 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", and that if the plating of the third deck be removed the present freeboards will be increased eleven inches.

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