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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

2 Enclosures.

23rd March, 1920.

Dear Sirs,

M. I beg to return herewith the plans, left at this Office by your Mr. Christensen, showing the proposed arrangement of hatchways in the upper and main decks of the S.S. "ARLY", and with regard thereto I have pleasure in stating that provided the arrangements be carried out as shown and amended on the plans and to the satisfaction of the Society's Surveyors, the same will be approved.

As arranged with Mr. Christensen hatch corner pillars have been shown in the holds and tween decks and quarter pillars in way of the hatchways dispensed with.

I may add that between the hatchway the double *angle* intercostal girders of the scantlings shown on the original sketch of midship section will not permit the spacing of the pillars to be greater than 18 feet.

In reply to your letter of the 19th instant, I have to state that the strake of plating alongside the hatchways could be 11/20" to 9/20" with doubling plates fitted at the hatch corners or in lieu of doublings the plates at the corners of the hatches could be increased .20" in thickness.

I shall be glad if you will be so good as to state at what port the alterations will be carried out, in order that the Society's Surveyors may be advised.

I am, Dear Sirs,
Yours faithfully,

Messrs. Arnesen, Christensen & Smith,
6, Grey Street,
NEWCASTLE ON TYNE.

Secretary.

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