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Dear Doctor Pickworth,

With reference to the pumping plan of Messrs. Pickersgills No. 243, the relief valve on the airpipe from the fore peak tank is shown to be only 2'6" above the tank top and this, being very near the waterline, will be submerged everytime the ship pitches. As the pipe gives direct access to a space below the freeboard deck, one storm valve does not afford a very efficient means of preventing the access of water to this space.

Unfortunately, the same arrangement appears to have been adopted in the same Builders' Yard No. 242, where it was overlooked when dealing with the pumping plan. It is a little difficult, therefore, to indicate on No. 243's pumping plan that the position of the valve should be raised, but I have no doubt that you can persuade the Builders to do so. It should be raised to about 9 feet above the tank top;

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

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