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21st December, 1917.

CUNARD BUILDING,

LIVERPOOL.

Dear Sirs,

18th December 1917

M. A. J.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, respecting the question of coating the inside of Ballast Tanks on flat of shell in the case of the S.S. "POLYCARP" (Messrs. Barclay Curle & Co's No. 540 vessel) with bituminous enamel instead of portland cement, and to acquaint you that the matter is receiving attention.

Dear Sirs,

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Messrs. The Booth Steam Ship Co. Ltd.,  
(Construction Department)  
Cunard Building,  
LIVERPOOL.

Perhaps the reason for this suggestion was the fact that the practice of coating the flat of shell with bituminous enamel instead of cement we can carry about 80 tons more cargo.

Early last year the Ministry of Shipping Shipbuilding and Repairing was asked to consider the possibility of carrying out this practice on the flat of shell with bit:



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