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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

23rd September, 1921.

Dear Sirs,

W. With reference to your letter of the 12th instant and to your telephone message of this afternoon respecting the classification with this Society of the S.S. "BURFORD BRIDGE" I beg to acquaint you that plans of the vessel have now been received from the Society's Surveyors at Ipswich, and it has been found that in some respects the scantlings and arrangements as indicated thereon are deficient from the Rule requirements.

The Society's Surveyors are therefore being informed that the decks in way of the hatchways will require to be additionally supported by plate brackets as indicated on the plans. The longitudinal strength of the vessel is deficient, and it is considered that the sheerstrake should be doubled from within the poop to about the middle of the length of No.1 hatchway. Additional sparring will be required to be fitted, and as the arrangements at the bilge are not clearly understood the Surveyors are being requested to forward a sketch showing the construction and arrangements at this part in detail.

It will also be necessary for a plan showing the construction in the machinery space to be forwarded for consideration, and for the arrangements in way of the bottom, especially at the "separate tank under floors" to be included in this plan. The arrangement of cross tie beams and plating in way of the machinery space will also require to be indicated.

The Surveyors are being requested to state clearly the construction of the middle line bulkhead, especially at the ends of the large hatchways and also to give particulars of the strengthening of the bottom forward of the half length.

With regard to the equipment, the marks on the stream and kedge anchor were found to be obliterated, and if no further information can be furnished regarding these anchors the stream anchor will require to be sent to a

recognised Proving Establishment, to be weighed and tested. The kedge anchor required by the Rules is not of sufficient weight to require testing, but the anchor will require to be weighed.

105 fathoms of stud chain cable require to be identified and if this cannot be done, it will be necessary for the same to be ~~referred~~ to a recognised Proving House to be weighed and tested. 45 fathoms of 2½" stream wire require to be supplied as required by the Rules.

Provided the additional strengthening and equipment as set forth above be supplied, and a favourable report be received from the Society's Surveyors, the vessel will be eligible to be classed 100A1.

I am, Dear Sirs,  
Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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