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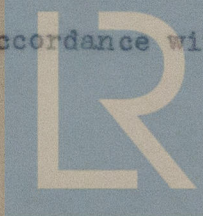
18th April, 1918.

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Dear Sirs,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th instant with regard to the freeboard of Messrs. Sir Raylton Dixon & Co.'s S.S. No. 596, and in reply thereto I have to inform you that if the vessel is built as a completely closed shelter deck steamer, the hatchway construction and supports throughout the shelter deck are made in accordance with the rules, table "A" Sec. 32, there are no scuppers or other openings through the sides to affect the position of the load line disc, and the Bridge is closed at the ends as required for full allowance, the provisional Summer freeboard would be 10 ft. $2\frac{1}{2}$ ins. from the statutory deck line $1\frac{1}{2}$ ins. above the steel shelter deck at the side, and the Winter freeboard $7\frac{1}{2}$ ins. more.

If the vessel is built without a tonnage opening, scuppers from the tween decks leading to the bilges are required to be fitted in accordance with the rules, Sec. 36, par. 3.



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I have also to point out that the hatchway supports as on the approved plan are only applicable if the vessel is built with a tonnage opening as originally intended and shown on the plans.

The approved plans of Midship Section, Profile and Decks forwarded for reference are returned herewith.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

The Surveyors,

MIDDLESBROUGH.



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