

Sir R. Dixon Esq No 5-96.

It is submitted the Surveyors be informed 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; ~~and~~ 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 ends as required for full allowance, the provisional summer freeboard would be 10 ft. $2\frac{1}{2}$ ins from statutory deck line $1\frac{1}{2}$ ins above the steel shelter deck at side and the winter freeboard $7\frac{1}{2}$ ins more.

If the vessel is built without 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.

It should be pointed 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