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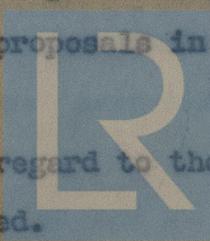
Dear Sirs,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant respecting the alterations proposed to be carried out to the steamers "MANGALORE" and "MATHURA", and to acquaint you that the contents have been duly noted.

With regard thereto I have to point out that all three decks of each of these vessels are required by the Rules. It is considered, however, that as the position of the second deck approximates to the neutral axis of the ship, the step in this deck could be approved as proposed, provided larger brackets be fitted connecting the bulkhead stiffeners to the deck, and, in addition, similar brackets be fitted on the after side of the bulkhead outside the breadth of the machinery openings.

The proposal, however, to step the upper and bridge decks cannot be approved, and it is suggested that these decks be sloped over a reasonable distance so that their efficiency in respect of longitudinal strength will not be impaired, and a sketch showing the Builders' proposals in this respect should be submitted.

The proposals in regard to the modification of the shell plating could be approved.



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Steamers "MANGALORE" and "MATHURA"

No objection would be raised to cropping the tank top plating just forward of frame 111 and between frames 128 & 129, and connecting the new athwartship plating with a treble riveted lap.

With regard to the freeboard, a preliminary assignment will be forwarded tomorrow.

One copy of the plan forwarded by you is returned herewith, the duplicate being retained for reference.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

**Secretary.**

The Surveyors,

MIDDLESBROUGH.

The proposed however, to step the upper and bridge decks, which form the strength member of the vessel, cannot be recommended for approval, and it is suggested that these decks be sloped over a reasonable distance so that their efficiency in respect of longitudinal strength will not be affected and a sketch showing the Builders' proposal in this respect should be submitted.

The proposals in respect of the deck plating should be approved



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