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Dear Sirs,

H. Reverting to your letter of the 28th ultimo regarding the position of the scuppers to be fitted in the small shelter deck steamer proposed to be built by your goodselfes, I am directed to acquaint you that the Board of Trade Freeboard Rules for shelter deck steamers having tonnage openings and scuppers through the sides do not contemplate so small a vessel as the one in question, by which the Table freeboard would be so close to the main deck stringer plate and the sill of the scuppers below the Table position of the load line disc.

Approval could not be given to such scuppers open at the sides although fitted with plate covers at the stringer plate, unless the centre of the load line disc were placed substantially below the sill of the lowest scupper.

In the absence of any Rule at present, such a case would require special consideration on receipt of information as to the designed load draft of the vessel and the proposed position of the scuppers.

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In some small vessels of the shelter deck type with tonnage opening, the scuppers have been reported to be fitted with storm valves at the sides, and it is considered that in the proposed vessel the scuppers should be fitted as provided for in the Society's Rules, Section 40, Paragraph 2, with non-return valves in substantial metal castings, other than cast iron, also gratings at the deck, and the pipes should be protected by substantial castings.

At the same time I may point out that for such a small vessel as proposed in which the Table freeboard under the shelter deck Rules would be so close to the main deck, it may be necessary to increase the Table freeboard to ensure efficient action of the scuppers, and if it is decided to proceed with the design this matter will be duly considered on receipt of further information regarding the proposed arrangements.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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