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71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

Enclosures.

11th February, 1927.

Dear Sir,

I duly received your letter of the 8th instant respecting the steamer "LESREAUUX" ex "DEN OF EWNIE", and I note that this vessel has now been sold to Dutch Owners and will be renamed "CALANDPLEIN".

It is further observed that the new Owners enquire whether it would be practicable to convert this ship into a complete shelter deck vessel, so as to get the benefit of deeper loading, and in reply thereto I am directed to inform you that provided the tonnage opening be permanently closed, the freeing ports and scuppers through the vessel's sides be permanently riveted up, new scuppers from the shelter tween decks to led to the bilges, and the boiler casing on shelter deck be stiffened equivalent to that of an upper deck casing, the freeboards could be reduced 2'-8".

At the same time, however, I think it well to observe for the information of the new Owners that the tonnage opening of this vessel was closed on a previous occasion, viz:- 1915, and was subsequently opened again in 1923. When the tonnage opening was closed in 1915 the Owners, after consultation with the Builders as to the

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stability of the vessel when loaded to a deeper draught, came to the conclusion that it would not be desirable to load the ship to the fullest draught possible, and decided to restrict their application for increase of draught to 18" instead of the 32" quoted above.

If the alterations are proceeded with you should forward full particulars on form 11c, at the same time stating the Owners' decision as to the draught desired in the light of the foregoing remarks.

The approved plans of the vessel are forwarded herewith, as requested, for your information and guidance in dealing with the case.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

R. Leeuwenburg, Esq.,
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