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S.S. "DORIC STAR" - Owners:- The Blue Star Line.

On the 7th ultimo a proposal to fit a Maier form bow, involving increasing the length on the load water line by 18 feet, was dealt with, and the Builders informed that no increase would be required to the scantlings or equipment if this alteration was made.

A further letter has now been received from Messrs. Palmers Hebburn Co.Ltd., stating that the Owners have asked them to look into the question of filling in the forward and after wells, and they forward a sketch shewing their proposals.

Similar alterations were carried out in respect of other vessels owned by the Blue Star Line, viz:- "AFRICSTAR", "RODNEYSTAR", "NAPIERSTAR" and "STUARTSTAR".

The proposal has been dealt with on the same basis as adopted in these previous cases.

It is submitted the Builders be informed that in considering this proposal it has been assumed that, as in the case of other vessels owned by the Blue Star Line on which similar alterations were carried out, no increase in draught is required on account of the fitting of these extra erections. On this assumption, the proposal to fit no additional strengthening to the existing structure, and to base the scantlings of the new erections on those of the existing erections will be approved.

A proper shift of butts should be arranged where the new material is joined to the existing structure.

If the alterations are proceeded with, a detailed sketch shewing the scantlings and arrangements proposed should be submitted.

The equipment will require to be made equivalent to that required for letter g[†] of Table 53 of the Rules. This could be done by replacing the third bower (weight 78½ cwt.) with ^a 9½ cwt. stockless anchor, and by supplying an additional 30 fathoms of 2.11/16" cable.

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