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# Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

Enclosure.

23rd February, 1927.

Dear Sirs,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 21st instant regarding the freeboard of the s.s. "SIMON BOLIVAR", together with a sketch, in duplicate, shewing permanent closings of the proposed openings.

With regard thereto I have to state that provided the hinged shutters in the vessel's sides between upper and second decks be fitted as shewn and amended on the plan, and be made watertight to your satisfaction, a freeboard of 12'-7" from statutory deck line at the upper edge of wood upper deck, corresponding to Table C of the Freeboard Regulations, could be approved.

As the openings referred to above are required for service when trading in the West Indies an additional freeboard will be required, as already pointed out, and to enable this freeboard to be determined you should forward full particulars as for a well-deck vessel on Form 11b., giving particulars of all bulkheads and their closing appliances between the upper and second decks. You should also forward an amended 11c form giving full particulars of the means adopted for closing

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the side openings and the draining arrangements in way of same as actually fitted in the ship, and I may add that it is considered two five inch scuppers should be fitted on each side in way of the well, and that these should be fitted with screw down non-return valves, to prevent the entry of water when the vessel is fully loaded.

The above plan is returned herewith, and the duplicate is being retained in this Office for reference.

I am, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

The Surveyors,  
ROTTERDAM.



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