

Tanker "HERA".

IT IS SUBMITTED the Newcastle Surveyors be advised that the freeboards at present assigned to the above vessel are the minimum tanker freeboards under the Convention Regulations. An estimate of the minimum tanker freeboards which could be assigned if the Owners' proposal to lengthen the vessel by 22'-6" by the introduction of an additional tank between the present Nos. 8 & 9 tanks has been made, and this corresponds to a Summer moulded draught of about 24'-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", being 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ " less than the present moulded draught.

With regard to the Repairers' enquiry as to the additional equipment which would be ^{re}quired on account of the proposed lengthening, this information was given to the Owners, together with details of the required reinforcement to the structure of the ship, and a copy of the Secretary's letter of the 28th ultimo should be forwarded to the Newcastle Surveyors for their information.

In reply to the last paragraph of the Surveyors' letter they should be advised that although it will be necessary for ^{an} ~~their~~ examination of the vessel to be made to ascertain her present condition and whether there is any material reduction from the original scantlings, it will not be necessary for them to do this before replying to the Repairer's letter.

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