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Extract from letter dated 23rd April, 1914, received from the Society's Surveyor at Port Pirie 23.5.14.

I have to acquaint you that while checking the freeboard marks on the German Steamer "AUSTRALIA" 7485 4692 tons regr. of Hamburg, No.1792 in the Society's Register Book I found the distance from the upper edge of the statutory deck line to the lower edge of horizontal line passing through the centre of disc to be five feet six inches (5'-6") which does not correspond with the freeboard certificate (produced) granted by the Society, which states the summer freeboard to be five feet eight inches (5'-8") showing a difference of two inches (2").

I may mention that the marks are centre punched in the vessel's sides, (the Master stating that was done by the Builders), and I would suggest that the marks be verified on the vessel's arrival at Antwerp or Hamburg, whence she is now bound. In my opinion the statutory deck line appears to be wrongly marked.

It is submitted the Hamburg Surveyors should be advised of the above report and requested to give the case the necessary attention. They should be referred to their verification of markings form Rpl 13038 dated

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