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Extract from letter dated 22nd 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
to give the case the necessary attention. They should be
referred to their verification markings form Rpl 13038 dated

9 Dec 1912

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