

s.s. "QUARRINGTON COURT"

It is submitted the Board of Trade Solicitor's Department be advised as follows:-

This vessel was built in accordance with the Rules of this Society for 1927-28, the first survey of the hull being held in April, 1928. The class assigned was *100A1 "With Freeboard". The freeboard assigned was a few inches greater than the minimum permitted by the regulations.

The Society's Rules for 1927-28 require 7 watertight bulkheads. These are required to extend to the upper deck, except the after peak bulkhead which may extend only to the first deck above the load waterline, provided this deck forms a watertight flat from the bulkhead to the stern.

Provision is made in the Society's Rules, Section 17, Para. 2(c) whereby one or more bulkheads may be dispensed with. This section reads as follows:-

"In vessels in which the fitting of the number of bulkheads specified in the preceding paragraphs would interfere with the requirements of a special trade in which the vessel is to be employed, the Committee will be prepared to consider proposals to dispense with one or more bulkheads on receipt of a letter from the Owner stating which bulkhead it is desired to omit and giving the justification for such omission. In all such cases suitable structural compensation for the omission of the bulkhead will be required, and a notation will be made in the Register Book describing the number and position of the bulkheads omitted".

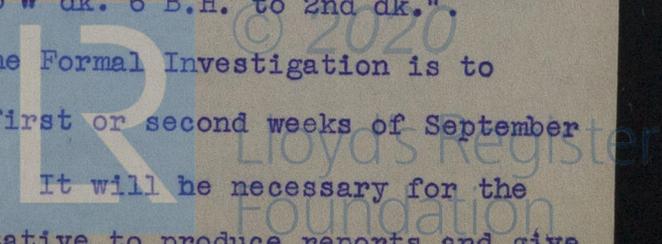
In accordance with this Section the Owners stated in a letter dated 15th January, 1929, that the vessel

"is to be built with the watertight bulkheads stopping at the second deck, with the exception of the collision bulkhead which is to extend to the upper deck"

The vessel was built in accordance with this arrangement, and the following notation was entered in the Society's Register Book, viz:-

"Upper 'tween dk. B.H. except Coll. B.H. dispensed with Coll. B.H. to W dk. 6 B.H. to 2nd dk."

It is noted that the Formal Investigation is to be held some time during the first or second weeks of September in Newcastle or South Shields. It will be necessary for the Society to appoint a representative to produce reports and give



evidence regarding the above.

20th June, 1938.

Mr. Watt can attend
for the times as stated
Jus

Ltr. 17.6.
Ansd. 21.6.



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