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Dear Webster,

Many thanks for your letter of the 10th ultimo regarding the freeboard certificate and calculation sheets for the S.S. "BELFAST MARU". With regard to the point raised concerning the record of freeboard in the Register Book, as the official figure appearing on the certificate is given in inches and decimal parts of an inch, we are recording this figure in the Register Book; this would certainly appear to be an innovation, but as the official figure given on the certificate has always been inserted in the Register Book, we must adhere to the practice.

From the official wire and letter you will note that in view of the increased strengthening proposed to be fitted on the Shelter deck, an increased draught of 28.21 has been approved.

The arrangement as indicated on the plan submitted appeared to be rather scrappy, as the doublings were fitted in some positions at the sides of the hatchways and in other positions on the Shelter deck stringer plate.

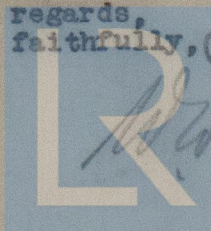
If it is intended to build further vessels of this type, I think it advisable to arrange for a continuous doubling plate to be fitted to the Shelter deck stringer plate for at least half the vessel's length amidships.

Regarding the f.B.d., the Japanese have adopted as their standard the Load Line Committee's requirements in way of hatchways, which is 90% of the full standard, so there should be no difference in the permissible draught obtained therefrom.

With regard to the case of the "KANJU MARU", it is noted that the official figures have been assigned by the Keishinsho and consequently the record of freeboard and draught will not be inserted in the Register Book.

With kind regards,
Yours faithfully,

Dr. Webster,
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