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WILLIAM WATT will say:

I am a Principal Surveyor on the Chief Ship Surveyor's Staff of Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

When the particulars of the hatchway coamings and the supports and covers of the ss "MILLPOOL" were forwarded to the office of Lloyd's Register of Shipping in Port C.11 No. 88619, by Mr. C. Stephenson in May, 1932, I examined the document. I came to the conclusion from its contents that the standard of strength of the hatchway coamings supports and covers of the vessek were in accordance with the requirements of the Merchant Shipping (Safety and Load Line Conventions) Act, 1932, Chapter 2, Article 5 of the Second Schedule, which requires that these parts shall comply with the provisions of Part 2 of Annex 1 in principle and also in detail as far as reasonable and practicable. They were also in accordance with the Instructions to Surveyors embodied in the Circular No. 1687 issued by the Board of Trade.

In these circumstances it was not considered necessary to issue any instructions to Mr. Stephenson in respect of these coamings.



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