

Messrs. J. Blumer & Co's No. 257.

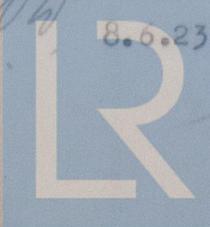
Plans of this vessel were approved on the 5th March last under the provisions of the Revised Rules, and it is now proposed to lengthen the bridge so that the erections cover ^{79.1}~~80.6~~% of the vessel's length as compared with ^{48.5}~~49.47~~% previously.

Copies of the original approved plans have been forwarded by the Sunderland Surveyors with the request that the amendments required may be indicated thereon.

It is submitted the Surveyors be informed that the amendments indicated on the plans have been made to bring the scantlings in accordance with the Rule requirements for the extra length of erections.

It is noted, however, that the material for this vessel is ordered, and if it is not therefore possible to change the scantlings, the Builders should submit alternative proposals of equivalent strength.

It might be pointed out to the Builders that if it is not desired to obtain any greater draft than that corresponding to the original freeboard assignment dated 28th March 1923, namely 4'5½" from statutory deck line 2½" above steel upper deck at side, then the original scantlings (with the exception of the centre line bulkhead, upper deck beams and hatchway coamings in way of extension of bridge) could be approved even with the longer bridge house proposed, in which case the freeboard assignment dated 1.6.23 will not apply.

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