

Steel Screw Steamer No.391, now being built by Messrs.Short
Bros.

Dimensions: 404.75 x 51.67 x 26.5

Equipment numeral- 35062.

This vessel, plans of which were approved in January last, is now been requisitioned by the Admiralty, and is being converted for carrying petroleum in bulk.

In order to meet the requirements of the Admiralty a Deck & Forecastle are being added to the vessel, in consequence of which the equipment numeral has been increased from 34,400 to 35062, involving an increase in the size of the cable from 1/16" to 2-4/16", and corresponding ^{larger} outfit.

A letter has been received from the Sunderland Surveyors in which is enclosed one from the Builders stating that the anchors and cables have already been ordered, and the cables have been delivered at the yard.

The anchors are only partly made, and the makers are willing to supply the larger anchors now required.

All the other items of the equipment will be supplied in accordance with the requirements of Table 31 for the increased numeral, but the Builders desire to be informed whether under the circumstances the cable could be accepted 2-3/16" diameter.

It is submitted that, in the circumstances, and in view of the urgency with which the vessel is required, the Builders' proposal could be approved, provided an additional 10 fathoms of 2-3/16" cable be supplied in order to make the weight of the cable equivalent to that required by Table 31 for the larger equipment numeral.

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