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Dear Mr. Howie,

My attention has been drawn to your 1st Entry Report on the Steamer "WAR WAZIR" now named "NOMA", and it is pointed out there is no reference in the general remarks by you in the report to the effect that this vessel has been converted from the purpose for which she was originally intended, that is, carrying fuel oil, and is now intended to carry petroleum in bulk. You have recommended for that service in your report. There is, however, no reference to cofferdams being fitted at the ends of the oil spaces and you do not say whether the middle line bulkhead has been tested or not. In the original design you will remember it was arranged that the middle line bulkhead need not be tested, but ^{in the case of} ~~that~~ the vessels converted for carrying petroleum, the Ministry of Shipping have been informed that the middle line bulkhead will require to be tested, or if not tested that a notation will be entered in the Register Book to the effect that the middle line bulkhead is not oil-tight. ker
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There is no reference in your report either to the fitting of strong beams in the oil tanks, although judging by the breadth of the transverses such beams are required and should be fitted.

The poop beams which are noted by you as 9 x 3 x 40 I believe should be 9 x 3½ x 40. This is a small matter, but we should like to know which is correct.

I shall be glad if you will look into these matters and let me know how they stand.

With kind regards,
Yours faithfully,

R. Howie, Esq.,
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C. F.

P.S. - You do not say that the Specification that was prepared and circulated in connection with these conversion cases has been carried out. C.F.

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