

S.S. "OHIO".

This vessel is of a length to require seven watertight bulkheads, but six watertight bulkheads only are fitted.

She was built to the order of a Mr. Jebson who, the Builders stated, desired the omission of one of the intermediate watertight bulkheads in the forward hold.

The General Committee on the 4th December 1912 agreed to the Builders' proposal, subject to a letter being received from the Owner requesting the omission of the bulkhead, as required by Circular No. 1238, and to a suitable notation being made in the Register Book.

The Builders now state they have endeavoured to obtain a letter from Mr. Jebson requesting that the bulkhead in question may be dispensed with, but owing to the war all correspondence with this gentleman has been suspended.

It now appears the vessel is still owned by the Builders who ask that the certificates of classification may be forwarded to them.

It is submitted for the consideration of the Committee whether, in the circumstances, the Builders request might be granted subject to their furnishing an undertaking to inform any contemplating purchasers that a watertight bulkhead has been dispensed with, and to the following notation being made in the Register Book:-
"Intermediate bulkhead in fore hold dispensed with -
6 BH only".

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