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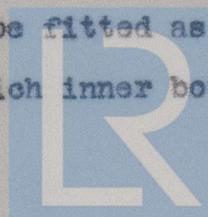
22nd May 1909.

Gentlemen,

M I am in receipt of Mr. Bennett's letter of the 21st instant respecting the steel screw steamer No. 169 now building by Messrs. Irvine's Shipbuilding & Dry Docks Co., and with regard thereto I have to inform you that the inner bottom plating would require to be increased in thickness if the wood ceiling in way of the hatchways were dispensed with, and as it appears from Mr. Bennett's letter that the inner bottom plating is already fitted, the wood ceiling in way of the hatchways should be fitted as indicated on the approved plans, as required by the Rules, and on the basis of which the inner bottom plating was approved  $\frac{5}{16}$ " in thickness.

I have therefore wired you this morning, as follows, viz:-

"Steamer 169 inner bottom plating should be of increased  
"thickness if wood ceiling way hatchways dispensed with  
"as it appears from letter inner bottom plating already  
"fitted wood ceiling should be fitted as on plans required  
"by Rules and on basis of which inner bottom plating  
"approved  $\frac{5}{16}$ ".



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The plans forwarded for reference are returned  
herewith.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Secretary.

The Surveyors,

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