

Totara North Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1901

Capt Clayton

Surveyor to Lloyds Register

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter dated  
the 1<sup>st</sup> re "Countess of Ranfurly"

We did not consider that Rule 39 applies  
to this vessel as her depth from the bottom  
the main keel to the top of the deck would  
be sufficient to put her outside the Rule  
however. Apart from that. She has the following  
extras to compensate for the absence of iron  
traps

al 18 x 1 1/2	required by rule	10 3/4 x 10 3/4
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also 12 x 12	" "	11 1/4 x 11 1/4
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der Keelson 11 + 9 in one length.	"	none
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rippers or clamps under deck beams 16 x 4 1/2	"	2 1/4
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bridge plank are also 1/4" heavier than required

also the waterway. and the frame timbers

Moreover the shape of the ship (having a

sharp rise of floor will add considerably to

longitudinal strength.

Trusting that the Committee will consider

these additions sufficient & satisfactory

Yours Respectfully

John Brown

Builder