

S.S. "KERVEGAN"

It is submitted the Nantes Surveyors be informed that it is observed that owing to the way in which the under deck tonnage was calculated for this vessel, the tonnage to be used in the computation for tonnage coefficient is 80 tons less than the figure ~~figure~~ formerly reported by them. This has the effect of reducing the freeboards about 1 inch.

In the Secretary's letter of the 28th ultimo the Surveyors were requested to check the sheers at 1/8th length from each end, as the sheers reported appeared small, and the Surveyors reported that the sheer at 1/8th length from the stern was 890 m.m. instead of 800 m.m. as previously reported.

If the sheer is of the gradual character defined in the freeboard regulations the sheers at 1/8th length from stem and sternpost would be 1045 m.m. and 550 m.m. respectively instead of 890 m.m. and 500 m.m. as reported by them. They should therefore take steps to have the sheers verified at the earliest opportunity, as the above difference in sheer involves a difference of  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " in the freeboard, which with the 1" difference due to tonnage coefficient <sup>might</sup> accounts for the greater part of the difference of  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " reported.

It is observed that the vessel has sailed for Cardiff, and the Cardiff Surveyors might be informed regarding the sheers at 1/8th length from each end and requested to verify the figures. The attached 11b form might be sent for their guidance and they should check the lengths of the erections, paying particular attention to any overhang at the ends.

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