

(Cunarder)

Swan, Hunter & Wigham-Richardson's S.S.No.735.

It is submitted the Builders should be informed that it is considered most important that the upper part of the main structure of a vessel such as this should be continuous, as previously arranged. It would be very undesirable to either cut openings or to have breaks, within half the vessel's length amidships, in this, the most vital part of the structure, and it would appear expedient that considerations of general arrangements should give way in a vessel of this type as far as practicable to the necessity of having sufficient strength. The fitting of erections of the character proposed must necessarily add to the weight of the structure, and therefore detract from its efficiency with regard to speed and deadweight capacity.

It would be ^{very} ^{difficult} practically impossible to provide sufficient strength in way of such abrupt terminations of material to ensure immunity from straining, and if the side plating must be carried up to the promenade deck, the Builders should be requested to confer with the Owners with a view to having this deck extended sufficiently far aft to cover the engine room openings, and with a view to either dispensing with the opening in the promenade deck side plating or moving it to a position much nearer the ends of the vessel, when part of ~~the~~ material placed at the shelter deck might with advantage be transferred to the promenade deck.

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