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342, Argyle Street, Glasgow

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ENCLOSURE.

Dear Mr. Fowling,

Let me thank you for your letter of the 10th inst. respecting the "AVENGER" Report, I regret I have been unable to answer same sooner owing to my being down on a Trial Trip three days last week.

On the profile of the vessel referred to the bulkheads were distinctly shown and approved as described in my Report, if I had had the vessel under survey from the beginning, however, I would have noticed that a tween deck bulkheads had been omitted when discussing the working plan of bulkheads these matters were all settled, however, before I took over the Yard.

Since receiving your letter I have had an interview with The Fairfield S.B. Co. representatives and they have agreed to fit two watertight doors on a tween deck bulkhead that comes above a bulkhead at present stopping on the second deck, and as the Fairfield people knew I was on good terms with the Union Steamship Co. they asked me to approach them about allowing same to be fitted, which I have done so on the vessel's return the bulkheads will be made strictly in accordance with the Rules.

I think under all the circumstances this is a



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satisfactory arrangement, and if the Committee would like a letter from the Owners requesting the omission of the tween deck bulkhead till after the War I will get same.

The plan you kindly sent for reference is returned herewith.

With kind regards.

Yours faithfully,

Geo M. Shaw.

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