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# Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

31st October, 1930.

Dear Sir,

I duly received your letter of the 15th instant calling attention to New York Report No. 32150 on the steamer "GULFWAX", with particular regard to the changes which have been made in the vessel at the instance of the American Bureau of Shipping in connexion with the assignment of freeboard by the Bureau under the American Freeboard Regulations for Tankers, and I may say that the matter has been very carefully looked into.

With regard to this case I have to observe that the vessel is classed 100A1 "Shelter Deck with Freeboard", "Carrying Petroleum in Bulk", and the freeboards assigned by the Committee (which are a condition of classification) were the minimum permitted by the British Freeboard Regulations.

From an estimate which has been made in this Office it would appear that the freeboard now assigned by the American Bureau is the minimum permitted by the Conventions Regulations for Tankers.

While the summer freeboard now assigned under the



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American Regulations is  $14\frac{1}{2}$ " less than the minimum permitted by the British Board of Trade Regulations, still, as this freeboard complies with the recommendations of the International Loadline Convention, no further action is considered to be necessary, and the records in the Society's Register Book will be amended accordingly.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

James French, Esq.,

NEW YORK.



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