

Messrs. Swan, Hunter & Wigham Richardson's No. 1465.

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A letter has been received from the Builders in which it is stated that this Single Screw Tank Steamer, which they are building for the Pan American Petroleum and Transport Company of New York, is to receive the American Registry on completion and prior to departure from this Country.

They desire to be informed whether the assignment of freeboard will be undertaken by this Society on behalf of the American Authorities.

It is submitted the Builders be informed that the Society's New York Office has been authorized to assign freeboards and to issue certificates ~~in accordance with American Law~~ in accordance with American Law, on application being made by the Owners to the Department at Washington.

It is therefore suggested that the application be made by the Owners as above, and when the required authority has been given the Society's New York Office will take the necessary steps, on the vessel's arrival in America, for the assignment of freeboard.

As these freeboards are not recognised in this Country, however, it is suggested that the usual British Assignment be made by the Society, to enable the ship to clear for America.

In order to facilitate the work of assignment at New York, in the event of the Society being authorized to assign freeboards in accordance with American Law, the Builders might forward, on completion of the ship, a sketch showing the sheers at the stations required by the Regulations, the manner in which the conditions of assignment are complied with, and the moulded displacement at a moulded draught of 85% of the moulded depth.