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Lloyd's Register of Shipping,

55, Fawcett Street,

Sunderland, 9th April 1921.

Dear Mr. Mares,

I have forwarded to Messrs. Osbourne Graham & Co, the verified freeboard assigned to their No. 244 "S.N.A. 6" they are now raising the question that the summer freeboard is one quarter of an inch different to what was assigned in the preliminary freeboard on 27th November 1919.

I have explained to Mr. Patterson that the reason for this difference was that in the preliminary freeboard one quarter of an inch had been discarded, in favour of the ship, from the freeboard measured from the statutory line, to bring it to even figures: whilst in the second case the freeboard being assigned from the upper deck being two feet two inches, nothing had been discarded.

I enclose a letter which I have received from the Builders stating that their contract is for a draft of 18'-3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " and owing to the various cancellations ^{from kinetic causes}, the Builders do not wish to inform the Owners that the draft is only 18'-3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "; and asking me if I could do anything in the matter.

I enclose the correspondence and will be glad to have your advice in the matter.

I am, Yours sincerely,

J. S. Richards

G. Mares Esq.,
London.

P.S. I have pointed out to Mr. Patterson that $\frac{1}{4}$ " is hardly measurable in a wire but as he is at present having trouble with foreigners who are trying their best to repudiate a contract, he is very anxious to have this draft amended.

This vessel is a duplicate of the "Lornie" built by him in 1917 for British owners and he states that he has every confidence in his draught not knowing anything about the discrepancy of the $\frac{1}{4}$ "

Kindly return the acknowledgment with your reply

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