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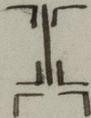
71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

26th September, 1918.

Dear Sirs,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 24th instant regarding the S.S. "ABEREDEN" No. 76 in the Register Book, and note that the new Owners wish to close the tonnage and other openings in the Shelter Deck space.

With regard thereto I have to inform you that if the tonnage opening is closed with a view to reduction in freeboard, it will be necessary to strengthen the hatchway webs in Nos. 2, 3 and 4 hatchways by a channel bar $8' \times 3\frac{1}{2}"$ or two $3\frac{1}{2}' \times 3\frac{1}{2}' \times \frac{1}{2}"$ angles on the lower edge of each web thus:-



Provided this be done and the requirements of Circular 1292 are complied with a reduction of 18 inches from the present freeboard could be made.

If it is decided to carry out these alterations, you should report as promptly as possible the particulars required on the back of 11b Form, and note the alterations which are arranged with a view to an amended assignment of freeboard being made.

Yours faithfully,

The Surveyors,
DUNDEE.

Secretary.

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