

Charles S.B. & E. Co's Yard No. 677.

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It is submitted the Hull Surveyors be requested to inform the Builders in reply to their enquiry that the minimum freeboard permitted by the regulations is that given provisionally in the Secretary's letter of the 8th instant, and which corresponds to a Summer moulded draught of about 24'1".

They might be informed further that in a letter from the Society's New York Office, dated 15.4.29, addressed Mr. Lambert, the estimated Board of Trade draught was given as approximately 24'2", and this is the only reference draught in the correspondence dealing with this case.

It is noted that the draught on which the deadweight of the trial condition is based is 20 feet, but that a minimum draught of 22 feet is to be obtained so that the vessel could load deeper when required by the Owners, should load with a heavier homogeneous cargo, and that deadweight and stability are based on this draught.

There will be no objection to the freeboard being increased so as to limit the draught to 22 feet if desired by the Builders when the final freeboards are assigned.

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