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NORTHUMBERLAND SHIPBUILDING CO. LTD.

HOWDEN ON TYNE, 1st December, 1927.

Dear Sirs,

s.s. Nos.405/6

We now enclose blue prints, in duplicate, of midshi section and profile and decks proposed for the above vessels, and shall be glad to have the approval of your Committee at their earliest convenience.

These vessels are to be built and delivered as shewn on the plans with a tonnage opening and we desire a provisional freeboard to be assigned on this basis. The vessels are, however, to be strengthened as required by the Rules for a moulded draught of 26'-10" with a closed tonnage opening, the tween deck bulkheads, with the exception of the collision bulkhead, being omitted in the tween decks in accordance with your letter of the 29th ultimo.

We shall require a letter from you stating that this latter draught could be assigned without any structural alterations (other than closing the tonnage opening) should the Owners decide to close the tonnage opening at some future date.

The following are now estimated freeboard particulars:-

Under deck tonnage to upper deck	6475 tons
" " "	second " 4900 "
Sheer of second deck at F.P.	8'-0"
Sheer " " "	" $\frac{1}{8}$ l. abaft F.P. 4'-0"
" " " "	" A.P. 4'-0"
" " " "	" $\frac{1}{8}$ l. fwd. of A.P. 2'-0"

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We are anxious to put the keel and centre girder of the first vessel on order immediately, and shall be glad if you will give us approval of this by return if at all possible

We have also to inform you that the Fairfield Shipbuilding & E. Co. of Glasgow are to build a duplicate of these vessels, their yard No.631, and that they have asked us to incorporate the number of their ship with our plans which we shall be obliged if you will do.

On receipt of the approved plans we shall forward two copies to London to enable you to pass same to your Glasgow Office.

Yours faithfully, etc.



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