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9th December, 1919.

Dear Mr. French,

I observe on looking over the plan of Midship Section approved on the 18th October last for the Chester Shipbuilding Co's Nos. 379 & 380, that the through beams of the Shelter, Upper and Second Decks do not appear to be equivalent to the requirements of the Rules, seeing that apparently only one row of supports is fitted.

With regard to the riveting of the shell; the tabular thickness of the bottom plating is .68 and this thickness requires quadruple riveted butts amidships. The strakes of the side plating are all in excess of the maximum width set forth in Table 21, but treble riveting has been approved for the butts.. It is our practice here in the case of treble riveted butts to require an additional row of rivets to be fitted when the width of the strakes exceed the limits given in Table 21.

I shall be glad if you will kindly look into these matters.

With kind regards,
Yours faithfully,

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