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Dear James,

With reference to your letters of the 22nd and 26th ultimo regarding the freeboard of the S.S. "KURLAND" and her sister vessel the "VOGTLAND", you will be interested to know that the plans for this latter vessel have been dealt with to-day, and have been approved for the class 100 A.- "With freeboard".

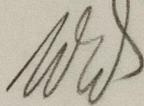
There are certain deficiencies in the shell plating, and the class has been approved subject to an increased freeboard. The Surveyor states that he has not yet obtained the under deck tonnage from the Board of Trade, and consequently has not submitted his freeboard report, but we are expecting to receive this in a few days, when the case will be carefully gone into.

In the meantime I observe there is a considerable difference in the scantlings of the second deck stringer and plating. The "KURLAND" was reported to have the stringer and deck plating each .39 in thickness, while the "VOGTLAND" is reported to have a stringer 30x .69 and deck plating .44; this will have some influence in the scantling comparison, and the original scantlings for the "KURLAND" were reported by Mr. Potts, perhaps you will ask him to check over his notes regarding this deck.

I will communicate further with you on receipt of the freeboard report for the "VOGTLAND".

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,



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