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Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Dear Sirs,

SHIP NO. 242.

We have it under consideration to convert this vessel for carrying petroleum in cylindrical tanks. The ship is launched and all steelwork is completed. The only way in which it is practicable to obtain the necessary capacity for light oil is by constructing the cylindrical tanks, on the lines of the accompanying profile and midship section, which we enclose for the consideration of your Society, with a view to ultimately obtaining their approval.

We propose to erect an expansion trunk above the deck 10 feet wide, 7 feet high aft, and 4 feet high forward, and we shall be pleased to hear what reduction in freeboard will be obtained on account of this trunk.

SHIP NO. 262.

The keel of this vessel is ready for erection and all steel is in order, and it is now proposed to build her for either the carriage of fuel oil or alternately to carry petroleum, and we enclose profiles and midship sections for your preliminary consideration before finally deciding in conjunction with Owners which design we will adopt.



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We presume that we will be able to obtain some reduction in the freeboard of this vessel, also an account of the additional bulkheads and other strengthening which it is proposed to introduce, and we shall be glad to have a provisional freeboard assigned.

We also enclose print showing the method on which we are thinking of constructing the longitudinal and transverse bulkheads.

The writer proposes to call at your London Office on Friday morning first, with a view to discussing these various proposals, and of obtaining an idea of what your Society will be prepared to approve, and trust that this will be convenient to your people in London.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) ETC.



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