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**Lloyd's Register of Shipping,**

71, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

16th December, 1931.

Dear Sirs,

With reference to your report C11 in respect of the s.s. "GRACEFIELD", forwarded with your letter of the 14th instant, I shall be glad if you will state (1) whether the shifting boards closing the openings in the poop front and the forecastle bulkhead extend to the full height of the openings in channels riveted to the bulkhead; (2) whether the hook bolts securing the portable plates closing the openings in the after bulkhead of the bridge pass through the bulkhead, and the spacing of the hook bolts, and (3) what means of closing are provided for bunker hatchways on the bridge and upper decks and for the trimming hatchways on the upper deck.

I have to state that to comply with the Convention means should be provided for closing the openings of all the air pipes, and, to obtain the minimum freeboard, the hinged steel doors at the forward end of the bridge should be capable of being manipulated from both sides.

I am, Dear Sirs,  
Yours faithfully,

The Surveyors,  
MANCHESTER.



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