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It is submitted the Manchester Surveyors be requested to 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.
- 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.

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

The Owners should be requested to forward a displacement scale of the vessel for reference in dealing with the case.

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