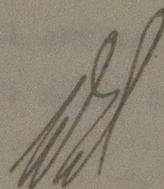


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It is submitted Mr. Johnson be informed that the question of scuppers from shelter tween deck spaces has been discussed with the Board of Trade this morning. The question has been under discussion for some time, but no amended instructions have been issued by the Board although they hope to do so soon.

Meantime, the practice is that when any of the Assigning Bodies consider that it is necessary or desirable that overboard scuppers and/or freeing ports should be dispensed with in order to secure the safety of the ship, such scuppers and/or freeing ports may be dispensed with provided:

1. A screw down non-return valve not less than 5" in diameter be fitted on each side of the ship in the tonnage well, and capable of being operated from above the shelter deck, and
2. The remainder of the tonnage exempted shelter tween deck space be drained to the engine room bilges in positions which are always accessible, but not to any of the hold bilges.



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