

December 10, 1961

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National Maritime Museum
Greenwich S. E. 10
London, England

Dear Sir:

When Mr. Carr visited here recently, he suggested that I might write to you in regard to data concerning the barque Star of India, originally the British ship Euterpe.

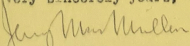
This vessel is presently being restored, as a maritime museum, at this port, and we are most anxious to obtain any plans or old photographs to guide us in this work. We are especially interested in obtaining any of the construction details showing cabin arrangement. In her later years the vessel was rather extensively altered, and we are unable to find anyone who can recall clearly her original arrangement.

She was launched from the yard of Gibson, McDonald & Arnold at Ramsey, I. O. M., in November of 1863, and a newspaper account of the launching speaks of the master's cabin being at the break of the poop, to starboard, with the mate's cabin opposite on the port side. In between, the article states, was a pantry and a "combined chart-room and library." She now has the master's cabin right aft on the port side and the mate's about midway from the stern to the break of the poop, also to port. Whereas early photographs indicate a "scuttle" covering a companionway leading down from just forward of the wheel, this has been replaced by an athwartships companionway.

We would appreciate having you see if you have any cabin accommodation plans for this vessel. For further identification she is 205 feet long and her original tonnage was 1197. If there is nothing on Euterpe, it is possible that we would be helped by cabin accommodation plans of the ship Erato, 206 feet long, 1205 tons, launched from the same yard in March of 1864. Any assistance you can give us will be deeply appreciated.

With best wishes for the Holiday Season, I am

Very sincerely yours,


Jerry MacMullen
President

