

Ship EARL OF DALHOUSIE

3 May 1961

Charles Birchall & Sons, Limited
17 James Street
Liverpool 2
England.

Attention: Editor "Slop Chest" Sea Breezes

Dear Sir:

It was good to read of the "Earl of Dalhousie" on page 74 of the January issue of SEA BREEZES. My father, John Craig Wallace, was an apprentice aboard the "Earl of Dalhousie" when she capsized in San Francisco Bay.

He told me that the ship had been at anchor in ballast awaiting orders. She was to go alongside to load. The old steam tug, SEA QUEEN, put her hawser aboard and started for the dock, pulled at right angles, the yards were braced around on that side. The next thing that he knew, over she went.

My Father was of the opinion that Captain Jarvis was the best man he sailed with as an apprentice or later as an officer. He said that Captain Jarvis taught the boys and was an excellent teacher. He was unique at a time when apprentices did not have the opportunity to obtain a good education as most Masters were not well educated men, nor wasted much time on the boys.

My father told me a story that ties in with the San Francisco shipbuilding family as mentioned in Mr. Kortum's letter. In Scotland his mother's father was in partnership with a man named Dickie. They were shipbuilders, Craig and Dickie. ~~THEY~~ They were building iron ships.

At any rate, so goes the story. Dickie went to EM San Francisco with the money and started the Dickie Iron Works, that later became the Union Iron Works.

My Father was told by his mother to see Mr. Dickie when he got to San Francisco. Grandfather Craig had died in the mean time. My Father, a lad of fourteen, went to the Dickie home and was well received, Mr. Dickie was quite old, finally, the old man came down and my Father was presented to Mr. Dickie. My father, bursting with indig-

continued on page 2/

