

August 19, 1962

Mr. G. F. Matthews
4412 Densmore Avenue North
Seattle 3, Washington

Dear Mr. Matthews:

At present, the Star of India is closed to the public, on account of the extensive re-fitting which is going on aboard her. All three lowermasts, which were removed for inspection and repair, are back in place, as are the fore and main topmasts -- for the first time in 19 years. Re-decking of the fo'csl is about done, as is much of that on the main deck. The work is going slowly, but we intend to see that it is done right.

We plan to have a reference library aboard, and already are collecting the books. For the time being, I am storing them in the library of the Serra Museum, where I am employed. As soon as the ship is ready, however, they will go aboard. We find from a description of the vessel at the time of her building, that she had a combined chart-room and library at the forward end of the poop. It will make a perfect place.

So, I would be delighted to get a copy of the book, and it will be well taken care of, until it goes into the ship's library.

Sincerely yours,

Jerry MacMullen

