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Dear Mrs Haviland,

Many thanks for your little booklet " Inthe Twilight of Auxiliary Steam " printed by " The Americab Beptune " Although I never saw any of these ships , you write about, still your storey is of great interest to me. I know two vessels , that you mention, inthe appen did. the " Atasia " and the " Adrian Baden " let me tell you some thing of these vessels later on.

At that period of Worldwar I I was mostly sailing inthe Orient but I became familaiair with some ofthese vessels through the pages of the Pacific Marine Review. And I always deplored, the waste of the best of timber . just to make a fast buckThere were so many that were convinced, that these ships never would be a success. It is surprising , how soon after the Armistice, they droped work on most of these ships.

I noye that Cox & Stevens designned these ships built for the French, No West Coast Shipbuilder would would design a poop that broke up aft to a cockpit. At this time we built full poops . they are esier to build , make for a stronger ship and a better a safs seaboot.

People~~now~~ now a days do not know, that such big dimensions were used in ship wonstructionI am collection data onthis alone' and for this reason, you account on timber sizes used for frames and planking will make your book so much more valuabletp me.

Charley Bywater has given you quite a bit assistance. There is a man, who grewup near the big timber , sailed in ships built of these, and handled it, when working lonshore. And I be came aquaintec with himhis family and brother in law Carl Kasch Stevedore boss at Mukilteo Washington, when loading mycommand the Fournasted American Schooner " Melrose " I became a friend of

