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Mr. G. F. MacMullen, President
San Diego Maritime Museum Association
2727 Presidio Drive
San Diego 3, California

Dear Mr. MacMullen:

We are much interested in your letter of July 28 advising that you are restoring the 98 year old bark Star of India. If you want to be real authentic, you should, by all means, use 4-strand Tarred Hemp Lanyard. This, of course, would have to be specially made and, therefore, we could furnish any length specified.

Hemp Lanyard is usually spoken of in terms of its circumference size, so that your $1\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter would be a 3-3/4" circumference. 1000' would weigh about 600#, and the cost to you would be \$1.20 per pound F.O.B. San Diego.

You will be interested to know that we have just figured on a large quantity of Tarred Hemp Lanyard for rerigging the Constitution at the Boston Naval Shipyard and they are considering possible substitution of 4-strand Polypropylene in a black color. This, of course, has the advantage of light weight and almost indestructibility as far as the elements are concerned, and being available in a black color would resemble the old-time Hemp Lanyard which became black colored through the application of many coats of tar. The Polypropylene would weigh about 300#/1000' and would cost \$1.80 per pound.

We would be quite please to make either type for you.

Very truly yours,

L. F. Southwick

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Gen. Sales Manager

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cc: Pacific Coast District
San Francisco (2)

