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Mr. H. B. Warren,
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Dear Sir:-

Upon my return from Texas last week I found your letter of January 24th, hence the delay in replying thereto.

The "Star of India" is ready to move to San Diego as soon as they are ready for it. This is a fine ship, undoubtedly the strongest constructed iron vessel in the world to-day and it is a source of great pleasure to all concerned that the many generations of service in the vessel are to be used for such a fitting purpose. Mr. Gerald F. MacMullen and Dr. Harry M. Wegeforth are entitled to congratulations for conceiving and carrying into execution such a splendid idea and we were glad indeed to assist to the best of our ability.

As I control the destinies of three of the finest sailing vessels on this coast, the "Star of France," the "Star of Italy" and the "Centennial" and as I am thoroughly acquainted with the ancient and traditional rivalry between the crews and masters of the two first mentioned vessels, you can rest assured that I am more than interested in battling out over a period of several years the true sailing merits of these two ships. The ships are sisters, their construction, size, dimensions, sails, gear and equipment are identical, thus reducing the respective merits of the two vessels to the personal equation of master and crew. This is conducive to the greatest and most lasting competition and could be used as the basis of an annual event for many years, and I agree with you that it would be a grand thing and would attract the attention of the world.

En route to Texas the first part of last month I had a talk with one of the Craig boys at Long Beach, Craig's ship yard. It was my idea to bring the "Star of France" to San Pedro or San Diego and let that be the "Southern boat" and then I believe I could arouse enough sporting blood up here to enter the "Star of Italy" in competition, as the "Northern boat." Other vessels could be entered but to me it should be the "show down" between these two ships. You think it over, talk it over with Doc. Wilson and Mr. Craig and write me again - but in a busy life it is hard to get started but once a start is made and sanely carried forward it will be a grand success.

Respectfully,



Copy to Mr. MacMullen.

Also send copy to Mr. Wegeforth

W. Seaborn