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The Honorable City Council
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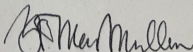
Gentlemen:

Plans are underway for the complete restoration of the 96-year-old bark Star of India and for berthing her at the foot of Broadway, as both a local and a tourist attraction. The vessel is owned by the Maritime Museum Association, a non-profit educational corporation.

A survey of the vessel has been made by Mr. Karl Kortum, Director of the San Francisco Maritime Museum, who handled the spectacularly successful program for the restoration of the ship Balclutha, ex-Star of Alaska, and is highly enthusiastic about the local project. Grossing \$92,000 in the first year of her operation, the Balclutha has become one of San Francisco's leading tourist attractions. In addition to being completely self-supporting, the Balclutha also provides the funds for maintaining an outstanding maritime museum on shore. We feel that if San Francisco can do it, so can San Diego, and along similar lines.

Mr. John A. Donnelley has been appointed as chairman of the general committee on restoration. Although no campaign has yet been started, we already have received offers of some of the required materials and services at cost. It is estimated that the job will cost around \$100,000, and a permit to publicly solicit funds for this project is respectfully requested.

Very truly yours,



G. F. MacMullen, President
Maritime Museum Association

