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Falls of Clyde, Pier 5 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. 22nd July 1977.

Captain Fred K. Klebingat,
135 Fink Street, W.
Eastside,
Coos Bay,
Oregon 97420.

Dear Fred,

Probably you have heard by now that John Ewald has left us. He decided to return to the Mainland after one year on the ship. We were all very sorry about this, and tried to persuade him to change his mind. He has done so much good work for the ship, and we thought he was here to stay. However we have a good man coming to take the position of Ship Manager, but he cannot arrive until October. In the meantime I am back once more as acting manager, and keeping things going.

Our new man is David Baxter aged 46, who all his life has been a practical boat-builder, and rigger, and is also a trained sailmaker. He owns the Baxter Boat Company at Morro Bay, Californis, and he is turning the business over to his sons. In recent years he has built five brigantines, and owns and lives on one of them. The photographs show them to be beautiful little ships, and his interest is the restoration and history of sailing ships. You may have even heard of the Baxter Boat Company, they also specialize in making wooden masts. David also knows how to lay wooden decks. A man with this sort of experience should make a great contribution to the restoration work on the ship.

I recently had a visit from Barclay Warburton III, who is the head of the American Sail Training Association, and he owns the beautiful little Brig. The Black Pearl. The Sail Training Association are holding a Tall Ships race next June from Honolulu to Vancouver to celebrate the Bi-centenary of Captain Cook's arrival in Hawaii. The Museum are also holding an exhibition of Captain Cook relics, and John Wright is busy working on this. All these things co-incide with the centenary of the Falls of Clyde, and somehow or other we must work in our own celebrations.

This would be a wonderful occasion for you to come over to visit us here, and I have briefly discussed this with John Wright, and hope to do so again as soon as I can. Work is going ahead steadily, and we should get through the Federal Grant in a short time, which will enable us to get more rigging done etc. The money is allocated to us, and we just have to complete the formalities. Howard Gottschalk and I are about halfway through carving the stern decoration, and we are determined to get it in position by early next year. He sends his best wishes to you and so do I. We hope you are keeping well, and I know you are still busy. When I was in San Francisco, I read in Karl's office your account of the Falls of Clyde cat, and also "A Bucko Mate". These stories are so good, and I do hope he can get them published soon.

I recently heard from Frank Carr, and he asked me to send him a recording of the ship which he wanted to give to Prince Philip, who is interested in being restored. This I did a few weeks ago.

If there is anything I can do for you in the way of photographs etc. please let me know.

Aloha from us all Jack Whitehead
P.T.O.

