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Messrs. Zoological Society of San Diego,
Balboa Park,
San Diego, Calif.

Attention - Mr. G. F. MacMullen
Sec'y - Aquarium Committee

Dear Sirs:

Wish to thank you for your letter of May 1st in relation to a vessel to be used as a floating aquarium. Note that you might consider purchasing a wooden vessel and in this connection we have on hand at San Francisco the barkentine "Jane L. Stanford". Am attaching a sheet giving her principal dimensions, tonnage, etc.

This vessel has been kept up in very good condition and is now in first-class shape and I think that she should be adaptable for the purpose you have in view. This vessel could be purchased for a very reasonable sum for the reason that we no longer require her for the trades in which we are interested owing to the fact that we have sufficient steamers for our requirements. If you think that you would be interested in buying the "Jane L. Stanford" for your aquarium would be glad to quote you a favorable price and think it would be advisable for you to delegate someone to inspect the vessel when you are prepared to go ahead with your proposition.

It is difficult to answer your question with regard to frequency of overhauling and painting a steel vessel used for your purpose and believe that you would have a very small expense in overhauling and if the vessel were well coated with good red lead and then a good marine paint of suitable color that you would not have very much expense for repainting for a considerable period.

Hope that your plans may mature to the end that you may be able to place at the disposal of your committee this floating aquarium which should offer many advantages from educational standpoint.

Yours very truly,

R. Stanley Dollar

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