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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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VIA AIRMAIL

San Diego Maritime Museum Association
P. O. Box 584
San Diego 10, California

Gentlemen:

In reply to your inquiry of September 2, 1960, please be advised that a diligent search of our records discloses no information concerning the bark STAR OF INDIA.

However, Honolulu did issue what appears to be the first American document in the form of Temporary Enrollment No. 44 on October 30, 1900, to the bark EUTERPE. This document shows the vessel to be American with San Francisco as the homeport, and also shows the owner to be Pacific Colonial Shipping Company, a California corporation, and gives the vessel's dimensions as: Length 205.05, Breadth 35.2, Depth 23.4, Gross Tonnage 2146, Net Tonnage 2069 and Official No. 136801. The reason we feel it to be the first American document is the fact that on issuance, a Provisional Register issued by the Hawaiian Consul at Seattle, Washington, on July 2, 1898, was surrendered and the cause of surrender is shown as: Trade changed, and owner and district changed to San Francisco. This Provisional Register could well have been the first Hawaiian document issued.

All Customs records under the monarchy have long since been dispatched to the Archives of Hawaii and toward that end, we are forwarding to that agency a photocopy of your letter of September 2nd together with a copy of this reply and we feel confident that you shall be hearing from them.

Temporary Enrollment No. 44, referred to above was surrendered at San Francisco on February 8, 1901, and cause of surrender was: New owner, homeport and trade changed.

Of all the other vessels named in your September 2nd letter, we have no records except of the issuance of a Temporary Enrollment No. 32 to the STAR OF BENGAL on January 6, 1903, replacing Permanent Register No. 58, issued at San Francisco on April 9, 1902.

We trust that the above is the information you seek and that it should prove of value to you.

Very truly yours,

GLENN GILLETTE
Assistant Collector of Customs

cc/Archives of Hawaii