

January 10, 1959

Mr. William Serjeant, Librarian-Archivist
The Marx Museum
Douglas, I. O. M.

Dear Mr. Serjeant:

If I appear to be slightly incoherent, it is because I have not yet recovered from the thrill of reading the actual story of the launching of Euterna, later Star of India. The wealth of detail is going to prove invaluable in our work of restoration, and I cannot begin to express our gratitude.

Is it possible that there is in your files any further identifying data on the lady who was sponsor for the ship? I assume that she was the wife of "Capt. Brown" who was in the launching party -- but ~~nothing~~ has a full name. It would be a pity if a lady of such importance to our theme should go down in history merely as "Mrs. Brown!"

I have communicated your request for pictures and data on the vessel as she is today, to Mr. John Bunker, marine reporter for The Evening Tribune, of this city, as I believe he has access to the best pictures which were taken. He will reply both to you and to Mr. Turnbull of The Courier. Mr. Bunker is completely reliable, and a bit of an expert in maritime matters. When Capt. Alan Villiers visited here a year or more ago Mr. Bunker interviewed him, and Captain Villiers later told me that he had been questioned by "... a young waterfront reporter who actually knows about ships! Most extraordinary!"

Again thanking you for your interest and kindness I remain

Sincerely yours,

Jerry MacMullen, President
Maritime Museum Association

