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Lt. Comdr. M. A. Ransom USCG (ret)
308 Laurel Street
San Carlos, California

Dear Commander Ransom:

As you may have heard, we are restoring the former Alaska Packers' bark STAR OF INDIA for a museum-ship at San Diego.

Many years ago you had an excellent article in the U. S. Naval Institute Proceedings, about the Packers' ships, and one of your photographs shows an iron bark, broadside on, on the starboard tack. Although it is captioned STAR OF PERU, there is no doubt but what the picture actually is that of STAR OF INDIA. Only the INDIA had that wide, awkward-looking gap between the tip of the figurehead and the bottom of the bowsprit. Other familiar with the ships of that fleet bear me out in this statement.

As this is the best "under sail" of the INDIA any of us have ever seen, we are anxious to obtain a copy for use in connection with the fund-raising campaign for this 97-year-old veteran of the sea. Would it be possible for us to purchase a glossy enlargement from your film?

Very truly yours,

JERRY MacMULLEN, President
Maritime Museum Association

