



LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL
THE COUNTY HALL, WESTMINSTER BRIDGE, S.E.1

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2nd May, 1950.

Replies to be sent to the Chief Engineer.

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Dear Sir,

The Clipper - 'Cutty Sark'.

The Honorary Committee of Management of the Incorporated Thames Nautical Training College have written to the Clerk of the Council stating that the 'Cutty Sark' is now surplus to their requirements and offer this famous ship to the County Council.

In their letter the Committee of Management say, inter alia:- "It is felt that greater facilities would be offered to the public for visiting this famous vessel if she was moored in London. At present visits by the public to the vessel must necessarily be restricted in view of the fact that she is solely dependent upon boats from the 'Worcester' for communication with the shore. My Committee fully appreciate the value of this vessel in the Maritime History of this country, and are of the opinion that the London County Council would be better able to preserve this historic ship than is possible under her present ownership".

This matter has received the careful consideration of the Chairman of the General Purposes Committee who has instructed me to form a small exploratory committee of experts who would fully investigate the problem of

- (a) preserving the 'Cutty Sark'
- (b) suggesting a suitable berth for her, and
- (c) the use to which she might be put and the possible income from such use.

The Committee of Management forwarded with their letter a copy of a report on a recent survey made to Lloyd's Register of Shipping by Mr. J.M. Robertson, ship surveyor. It would be of great assistance to the Council to have Mr. Robertson's advice on the

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problems which are to be investigated, and I shall be pleased to hear that Lloyd's Register will have no objection to his becoming a member of the Committee. It is understood, of course, that Mr. Robertson would be expressing only his personal views.

I am enclosing a letter to Mr. Robertson inviting him to become a member of this Committee, and if you are in agreement perhaps you would kindly forward this letter to him.

Yours faithfully,

J. Harrison
Chief Engineer.

Referred to the Chief Ship Surveyor.
Referred to Mr. Clemens.

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