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Mecklenburglaan 57

Sir John E. Thornycroft
Thornycroft House
Smith Square
L o n d o n, S.W.1.

Dear Sir John,

During my absence in December did arrive your letter of the 10th of December and the six prints of Drawing No. 26317. For both I want to thank you very much indeed.

The rubbings of the carvings were a great surprise, specially as I did not know the technic to make an actual print of such carvings.

In the meantime we had a meeting of the board of our foundation where I did report about our correspondence and the drawings you had made of your tjotter.

Following my report a motion of thanks was voted to you and it was decided to send you as a token of our gratitude the plaquette of our foundation. This plaquette in bronze showing the emblem of our foundation is intended to be fixed in a suitable place in your tjotter. It bears the number 200 which means that your tjotter and its owner are registered under that number in the "Stamboek van Ronde- en Platbodemjachten" ("Stamboek" means literally "Tribe-book" and is used in the meaning of "regimental roll", "herd-book", "stud-book" etc.

I did write you already that according to the rules of our foundation you are as "Tjotter owner" automatically "Friend of the Round and Flatbottom Yacht".

The object of our foundation is simply to promote the sympathy for the Dutch round and flatbottom yacht.

As we do not want to exclude anybody from the "friendship" of our foundation for financial reasons, subscription is not compulsory, which means that friends may decide their own contribution.

As you have already done more for our work than most members you may consider yourself with good reasons as an "Honorary Member".

I shall send a print of drawing No. 26317 and of the rubbings of the carving to

Rijksmuseum "Het Zuiderzeemuseum" at Enkhuizen;
Nederlandsch Historisch Scheepvaart Museum at Amsterdam;
Maritiem Museum "Prins Hendrik" at Rotterdam;
Friese Scheepvaart Museum at Sneek.

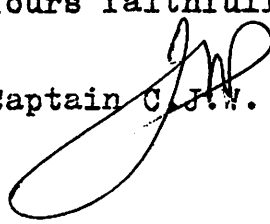
The members of our board representing the above named museums did ask me to express their thanks for your gift which they appreciate as a valuable contribution to their collection of such drawings.

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Enclosed you will find a copy of the "Rules of our foundation" and a (incomplete) list of Round and Flatbottom Yachts registered in our "Stamboek".

Yours faithfully,


Captain C.J.W. van Waning, C.B.E.
Chairman.

Encl.

Ø Mr Dr T. Huitema
F.G. Spits