

Govt. of 1881 Madras.

To The Public Works
Depart



Proceedings, dated 3rd April 1884.
No. 685 (P.W.)

Subject.

Sancty No 325
purchase
for the use of a stone
for the use of the Association
Madras.

Genl Supt P.W.D.
S.E. V Circle
Circular

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With order
Entered in the Receipt Register

No

250

HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN,
Madras, 2^d August 1883.

From

SURGEON-MAJOR

R. MacLeod Ross

Ag^t Surgeon, 2nd District,

To

THE

Secretary to Surgeon-General
With the Government of Madras,
Madras.

SIR,

I have the honor with reference to your
No 3644 of 20th July 1883 to state that a
good cooking stove is much required for
this hospital. The present cooking arrangements
are very defective. The range is so extended
that it is almost impossible for the cook
to attend properly to all the dishes which
are in process of cooking at one time.
The cook room owing to defective arrangements
is usually filled with smoke which taints
the dishes. It is difficult also to regulate
the heat of the fires, so that the cooking from
this cause also is not as good as it should
be. + Broths, Soups, Congries &c &c, cannot
be kept warm and ready at all hours of
the night and day without the constant
attendance of a cook which with the
limited establishment attached to the hospital
is impossible. Under the present arrangements
if hot water is wanted, which it often is
quite suddenly a fire must be lighted
and the water boiled. By the time this is
done

done the occasion for its use has usually passed.

With a good stove on the other hand every dish being cooked would be under the immediate hand & eye of the cook. There would be no smoke to taint the food. The heat could be precisely suited to requirements, there would be great economy & saving in fuel while at the same time food could be kept warm day & night without the presence of the cook & could be removed by the nurses as required. A certain amount of hot water would be ready at any moment day & night, & every medical man knows what an important point that is in a hospital designed for the treatment of children & women. General cleanliness in the kitchen & especially cooking would be promoted.

I would prefer a Duff's Stove cooking for one hundred persons, but that I understand would be too expensive in itself & I find also that a new ^{kitchen} would have to be built for at the present one being too small. I have carefully examined all the

Stoves

Stoves which Messrs. Bates & Co. have in stock & there is one an Empress Stove which I think will suit the requirements of the European Patients who have ^{averaged} ~~increased~~ for the last three months 59 in number.

It is 4 feet, 6 inches long, 3 feet wide & 5 feet, 3 inches high; In the upper plate there are 6 holes, 9 inches each in diameter & attached to one side is a boiler 12 inches x 12 x 20. There is an oven 20 x 13 x 22 and 2 hot closets 12 x 12 x 3.

It is provided with a full set of cooking utensils & its price is Rs 325.

It will cook for 40 persons at one time but it is ^{capable} ~~simple~~ of cooking and keeping warm extra diets for a good many more.

I request sanction for its purchase.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

W. Mearns Ross Surgeon Major
Ag. Surgeon 2nd Dist.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

Letter from the Surgeon General with the Government of Madras, dated 25 March 1884 No. 145.

I have the honor to solicit sanction of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council for the purchase of a stone at a cost of Rs. 325 (three hundred and twenty five only) for the use of the Hospital for Women and Children for the efficient working of the cooking range of that institution.

2. The defects pointed out by the Medical Officer in his letter enclosed, regarding the present cooking arrangements show the necessity for the change recommended.

3. Provision for the stone was made in the Budget for 1884-85.

4. In the event of sanction, the

No. 250 of 2nd August 1883.

No. 14586
From
SURGEON-MAJOR D. H. ROSS
To
Q. Surgeon, 2nd District,

THE
Legislative
Council
of Madras

No. 250

Dated 2nd August 1883.

Subject.

Request sanction
purchase on the
part of the
Hospitals for use
of the stone
for the
cooking range.

A. J. W. might be authorized to set up the stone.

Order thereon 3 April 1884 No 685 (ins)
Sanctioned.

2. The papers will be communicated to the Public Works Department for the issue of the necessary orders for setting up the stone.

/ True Extract /

Walter Luchman
Chief Secretary

To The Public Works Department
with original Enclosure
By The Surgeon General with Govt
The Accountant General