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Mr. Earl Westmoreland
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Dear Mr. Westmoreland:

Mr. Clyde Lussier of the National Park Service, who visited you recently looking for iron beds and similar items for furnishing the Old Point Loma Lighthouse, tells me that you have some information on heating-stoves of the cannonball or "pot-belly" type.

We are trying to locate a suitable stove for the cabin of the 98-year-old sailing vessel Star of India, now being restored at this port, as a maritime museum. We got a line on two or three "pot-bellies" but they all turned out to be railway caboose stoves. These have a flat top with two stove-lids, for cooking purposes -- and of course, there was no cooking done in the first-class cabin of a ship carrying passengers out to India a century ago.

What do you have in the line of a heating stove which would be appropriate for a sailing ship? We would appreciate getting descriptions, prices and shipping weights? The stove, I might add, should be not less than 36" in height, and could be either a "pot-belly" or other fairly ornate parlor stove of the period.

Very truly yours,

G. F. MacMULLEN
President

