

# BUZAGLO AND HIS STOVE



**Abraham Buzaglo (1710-1782) came from an Anglo-Moroccan family and was the son of Moses Buzaglo, rabbi in Mogador, Morocco. In about 1762 he settled in England “after an adventurous career” and in 1765 was granted a patent for a new type of stove, known after him as a “Buzaglo.”**

*{His brother, Joseph, invented a carriage warmer and had a lively career in France during which he was condemned to the galleys and imprisoned in the Bastille on a charge of spying for England before becoming involved in other dubious activities.}*

**(Information from Encyclopaedia Judaica)**



MOGADOR — Rue du Mellah

(Photo Stephanie Comfort)

**It is possible that Buzaglo got his idea for a multi-tier heating stove from travelling on the European mainland. This type of stove was in fairly common use in Germany in the 18<sup>th</sup> century as shown in the following examples.**

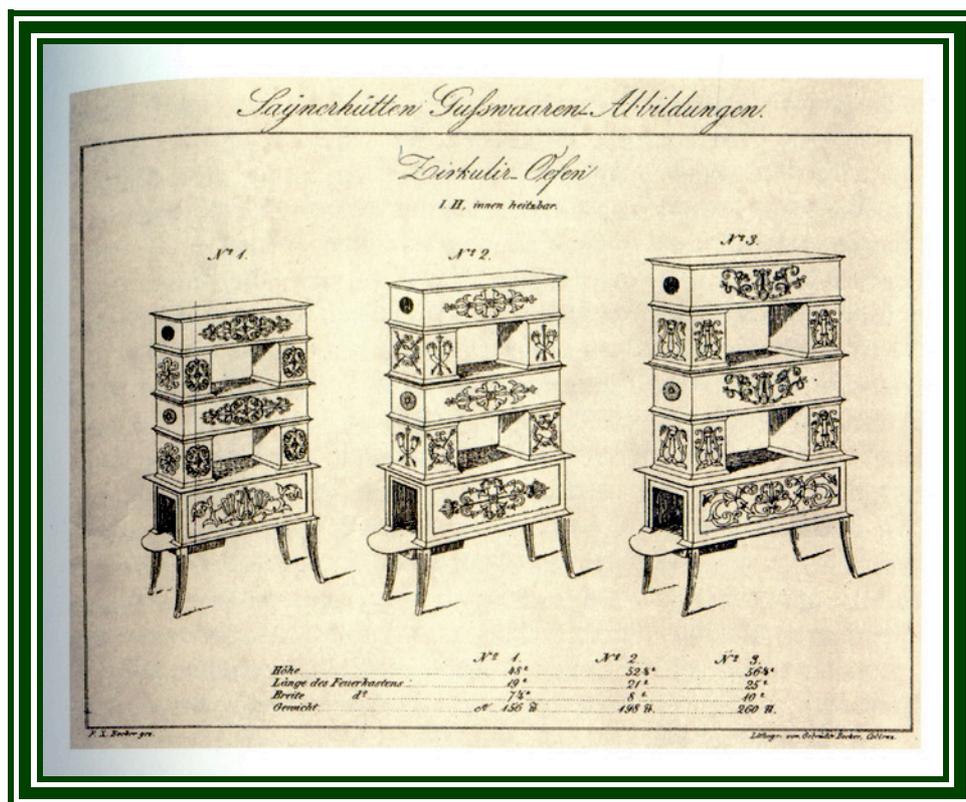
**(German stove illustrations from “Heiss Geliebt, Das Ofenbuch, Lusatia Verlag.”**



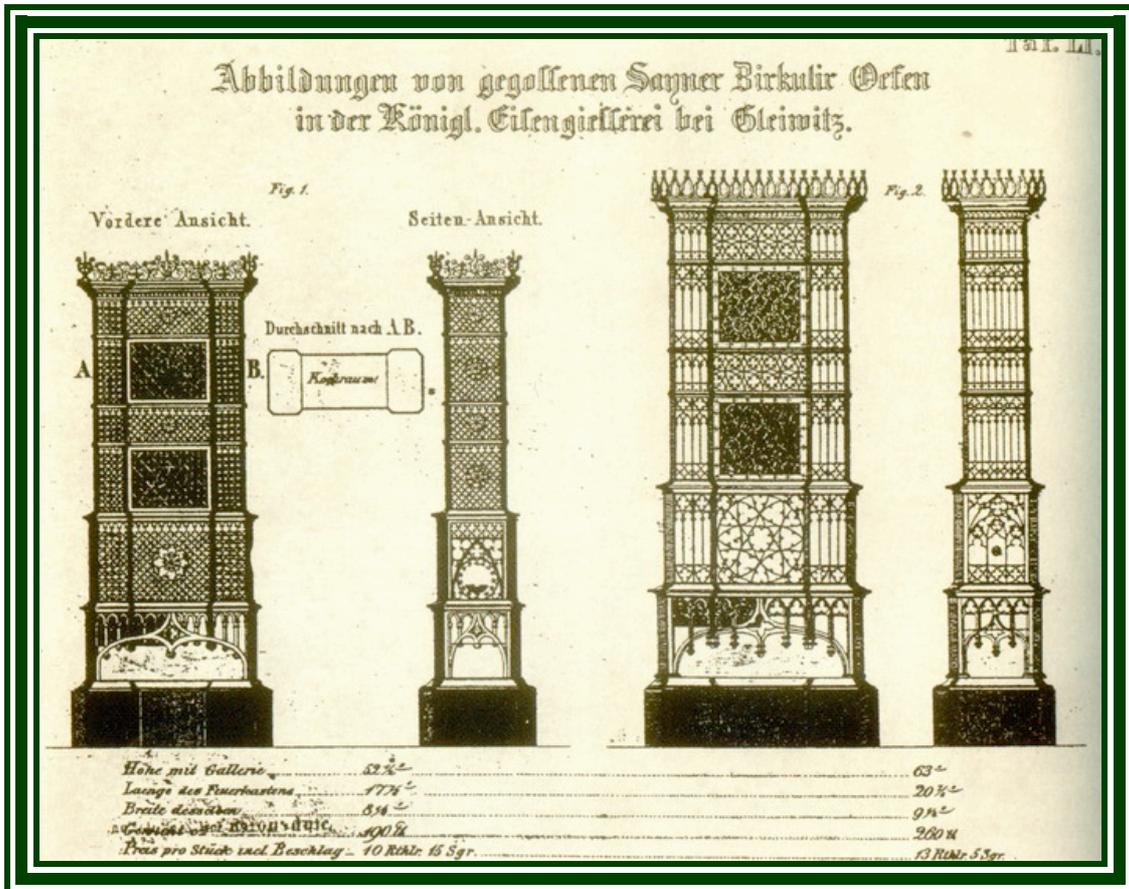


Ceramic & iron stove, 1730

Decorative cast-iron stove 18<sup>th</sup> century



## Stove designs, c.1830



## Stove designs from 1846

A letter dated 7 July 1773, headed “Stoves for Public Buildings” and written in London by Dr Benjamin Franklin refers to the use of large ornamental stoves then at the Bank of England and in Lincoln’s Inn Hall. Looking at the drawings which follow indicate these were not Buzaglos. However, it is known that a Buzaglo stove was ordered by Lord Botecourt, then Governor of Virginia, as a present to the House of Burgesses in Williamsburg. This particular stove was described by Buzaglo in his letter of 15 August 1770 to My Lord, “it excels in grandeur any thing ever seen of its kind, and is a Master piece not to be equalled in all Europe.” The accompanying instructions are for “putting up the New Invented Warming Machine,” which was despatched in seven cases.

*Here with capacious bulk, profound  
As Falstaff’s paunch, as Plymouth’s round,  
A vast Buzaglo, day by day,  
Shall chase the noxious blasts away*

**“The Project,” Richard Ticknell (1751-93)**



**A drawing of about 1808 shows a stove  
(Not a Buzaglio) in the Bank of England**

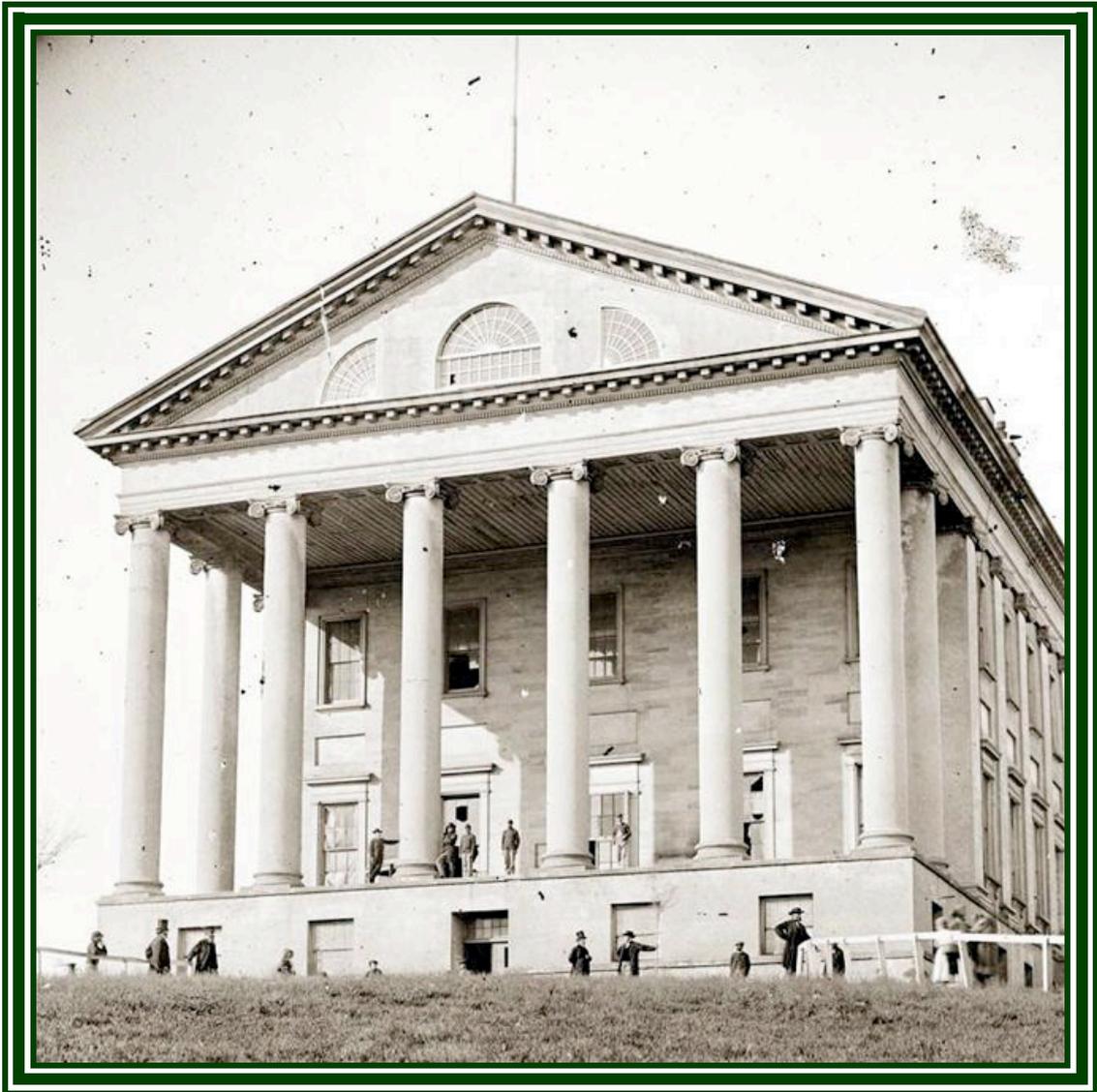


**Here also, in a drawing of about 1808 of Lincoln's Inn**

**Hall, the stove shown is not a Buzaglo**



**One source suggests there was a Buzaglo stove in the  
Library of Winchester College**



**The Capitol in Richmond**

### **A Virginia Mystery (?)**

**The Buzaglo stove of 1770 purchased by Lord Botecourt for the House of Burgesses in Williamsburg seems to have been installed in the Capitol in Richmond, Virginia. Later, some 60 years or more, it was transferred to the Governor's Palace in Williamsburg. Another report says two Buzaglo stoves were ordered for the Palace.**

**The 1770 stove appears to be 3-tier while the two stoves now in the Governor's Palace are both 2-tier. So were there indeed three Buzaglo stoves in Virginia?**



**The Governor's Palace in Colonial Williamsburg, VA**



**Knole House in Kent which still has its Buzaglo stove from 1774**