

APPENDIX No. 1.

REPORT OF SIR GEORGE NARES ON THE QUALITY OF THE PROVISIONS AND STORES SUPPLIED TO THE ARCTIC EXPEDITION.

Stoneham House, Winchester,
10th February, 1877.

Sir,

Not printed.

With reference to your letter C.P. 10227, 11th December, 1876, directing me to report upon certain stores supplied to the Arctic Expedition, I beg to enclose herewith for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a report compiled from my own opinion and that of various officers and men of the Expedition.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Secretary of the Admiralty,
London.

G. S. NARES,
Captain.

Report on various Stores supplied to Arctic Expedition, 1875-6.

1. *Bacon*.—Excellent, and suitably packed.
2. *Burton Ale*.—Excellent. Would recommend as large a quantity as can possibly be stowed to be supplied.
3. *Biscuit for Dogs*.—Useless for Esquimaux dogs as a diet. The supply was good. Would recommend meat to be carried in lieu, as occupying less space.
4. *Baking Powder*.—The supply was good. The malt and hops, which were excellent, used instead.
5. *Compressed Vegetables*.—Very good, especially as an addition to soup.
6. *Coffee, Ground*.—Very good. A larger supply required for extra issue.
7. *Curry Paste*.—Very good, but curry powder preferred.
8. *Chillies, Dried*.—Very good. Supply insufficient.
9. *Culinary Herbs*.—Very good. Supply insufficient.
10. *Preserved Rhubarb*.—Very good. The ration should be 6 oz. instead of 2 oz.
11. *Preserved Gooseberries*.—Very good. The ration should be 6 oz. instead of 2 oz.
12. *Normandy Pippins*.—Very good, and decidedly the best article of the sort we have on board.
13. *Garlic in Vinegar*.—Not much used; there was a general prejudice against it.
14. *Onion Powder*.—Very good, and much appreciated. An extra supply would be useful on board to flavour preserved meats.
15. *Preserved Potato*.—Very good. A larger supply would have been advantageous to allow more frequent issues.
16. *Preserved Vegetables*.—All very good. Preserved parsnips would be a good addition, and serve as a change. Beetroot, if it could be preserved, would be good.
17. *Preserved Meats*.—All very good, and much superior to the ordinary service preserved meat, but they appear to be much overcooked. Roast mutton and rump steaks much liked; minced collops were little sought after. Require an allowance of seasoning. Australian mutton particularly liked.
18. *Rum, Jamaica*.—Good.
19. *Rum, Red Heart*.—Good.