

of our crew suffered any diminution by death, after a period of more than three years had elapsed. I am also enabled to report favourably of it, as an external application to ulcers or abrasions occurring in a scorbutic habit of body.

I am, however, almost unable to say which kind of acid I could most strongly recommend as an antiscorbutic—the excellent acid properties of both I found equally unimpaired, and in their relative efficacy I could detect no difference: but, as well as frequent observations enabled me to judge, the boiled acid deposited a greater amount of its mucilaginous constituents than the unboiled, or that which was prepared with spirit, and for this reason I think the antiscorbutic properties of the latter might remain longer unimpaired, and consequently be considered the better preparation for general issue in Her Majesty's Navy.

I have the honour to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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THE END.

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