

PRESERVED MEATS (NAVY).

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,  
dated 5 February 1852;—for,

RETURNS “ showing the Date and Terms of all CONTRACTS for PRESERVED MEAT for the Use of Her Majesty’s NAVY with *Goldner*; also the Quantities issued since the commencement of the above Contracts; specifying the Quantities fit for Use, as well as the Quantities either Condemned or returned into Store as unfit for Use, from any of Her Majesty’s Stores or Ships, whether at Home or Abroad:”

“ Complaints when first made; and whether, after such Complaints, further Contracts were entered into with the same Parties:”

“ Whether these Meats were issued to the Arctic Voyagers:”

“ Whether Captain *Austin*’s Stores were examined and found bad; and if so, were they served from *Goldner*’s Contract:”

“ Of the Quantity of Cases, if any, the Contractor has been allowed to withdraw from Her Majesty’s Stores after having supplied the same, stating how long such Cases had been in Store:”

“ Of Complaints, if any, made of the state of the Salt Provisions issued to Her Majesty’s Ships on the *West India* Station during the Year 1851; showing the Extra Quantity issued to make up the Regulated Allowance, and the Quantities Condemned or Sold on Her Majesty’s account:”

“ And the Contract Prices of BEEF and PORK for the Years 1848, 1849, 1850, and 1851.”

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Admiralty,  
12 February 1852. }

J. H. HAY,  
Chief Clerk.

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(Mr. Miles.)

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PARTICULARS REQUIRED.	PRESERVED MEATS.						
	DATE OF CONTRACTS, &C.	QUANTITY CONTRACTED FOR.	PRICE PER POUND.	PENALTY FOR REJECTION.	SECURITY REQUIRED.	PERIOD OF WARRANTY.	OTHER PARTICULARS.
The date and terms of all contracts for preserved meats, for the use of Her Majesty's Navy, with Goldner?	Contract, 28th December 1844.	-- All such quantities as demanded, for 15 months certain, and further till notice given on either side for termination.	6 d. - - -	-- Refunding payment, and paying all excess of costs of purchases in lieu, and over and above the general penalty of 100 l.	£. 100	5 years.	
	Agreements of—						
	4th and 10th June 1846 -	750,000 pounds -	5 d. - - -	- - - - -	- - -	- - -	-- The prices were reduced by the contractor, in consequence of the large demands being made upon him.
	3d March 1847 - - - 15th and 19th Feb. 1848 - Under the above contract.	390,000 „ - - - 800,000 „ - - -	5 d. 5 ½ d.				
The quantities issued since the commencement of the above contracts?	Contract, 2d May 1850 -	500,000 pounds to be delivered— One-third in 6 lb. canisters. One-third in 9 lb. canisters. One-third in 12 lb. canisters.	- - - - - 5 ½ d. in 6 lb. canisters. 5 d. in 9 lb. canisters. 4 ¾ d. in 12 lb. canisters.	-- Refunding payment, and paying all excess of costs of purchases in lieu, and over and above a mulct equal to the value of the canister and its contents, and moreover of the general penalty of 3,000 l.	3,000	5 years.	-- Meat of the best quality, and canisters of the best tin.
	Contract, 29th January 1851.	800,000 pounds to be delivered— One-third in 6 lb. canisters. One-third in 9 lb. canisters. One-third in 12 lb. canisters.	- - - - - 5 ½ d. in 6 lb. canisters. 5 d. in 9 lb. canisters. 4 ¾ d. in 12 lb. canisters.	-- Ditto; and moreover of the general penalty of 4,000 l.	4,000	5 years.	- - ditto.
		2,741,988 pounds.					

59. The quantities fit for use ?

2,613,069 lbs., or 95 per cent. of the total quantity issued, were found fit for use.

The quantities either condemned or returned into store as unfit for use, from any of Her Majesty's stores or ships, whether at home or abroad ?

327,795 lbs.

Complaints, when first made ?

Condemnations of preserved meats have occurred ever since their first introduction as an article of diet in Her Majesty's Service. The earliest complaint of objectionable matter found in a canister, was received in office on the 24th November 1849.

Whether after such complaints further contracts were entered into with the same parties ?

Yes; but it is to be observed, that prior to the formation of the contract of 2 May 1850, only three complaints of objectionable substances discovered in 7 canisters, had been received in office. Between that period and the formation of the contract of 29 January 1851, 11 further complaints of a similar character were received in office, respecting offal discovered in 21 canisters mixed with the meat; amounting, on the result of all the complaints, to  $\frac{1}{10}$  per cent. of the total quantity delivered by the contractor, to that date.

The Supplies of PRESERVED MEAT for the Arctic Voyagers, were obtained as follows :

SHIPS.	WHEN SUPPLIED.	DESCRIPTION OF MEATS SUPPLIED.	PRICE PER POUND.	OTHER PARTICULARS.
Erebus and Terror - -	Michaelmas quarter, 1839 -	- - Meat specially contracted for with Messrs. Cooper, Gamble, Wells, Cope, Simkin, and Nichol.	7d. to 2s.	- - Packed in canisters of various sizes.
Erebus and Terror - -	- Midsummer and Michaelmas quarters, 1845.	Meat of a superior description and quality, obtained from Goldner, by special purchase.	8d. to 1s.	- - Packed in canisters containing from 1 lb. to 8 lbs. each.
Plover - - - -	Christmas quarter, 1847 -			
Enterprize and Investigator -	Midsummer quarter, 1848 -	- - Meat of a superior description and quality, obtained by special purchases, nearly all from Messrs. Gamble.	8d.	- - Packed in canisters containing from 4 lbs. to 8 lbs. each.
Enterprize and Investigator -	- - Christmas 1849, and Lady-day quarter, 1850.			
North Star - - - -	Midsummer quarter, 1849 -	- - About half the supply consisted of the meat usually delivered by Goldner; and the residue consisted of meat of a superior description, obtained from him by special purchase.	10d. to 1s.	- - Packed in canisters containing from 4 lbs. to 10 lbs. each.
Assistance and Resolute -	Midsummer quarter, 1850 -	- - Meat of a superior description and quality, obtained by special purchases from Messrs. Cooper & Gamble.	7 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. to 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.	- - Packed in canisters containing from 2 lbs. to 8 lbs. each.

Whether these meats were issued to the Arctic voyagers ?

Of 86,614 lbs. of preserved meats supplied to the "Assistance" and "Resolute," 18 lbs. were condemned during their voyage; and 762 lbs. on their return to this country in October last; but, of the total quantity of 51,463 lbs., then returned into store from those ships at Deptford Victualling Yard, it has since been found necessary to condemn 1,226 lbs. more; and in consequence of the very unfavourable reports by the yard officers of the condition of the remainder of the meat, a special survey has been ordered to be held thereon, as soon as Messrs. Cooper & Gamble, from whom the meat was procured, can be present at its examination.

Whether Captain Austin's stores were examined, and found bad ?

If so, were they served from Goldner's contract ?

Not from Goldner. They consisted of meat of a superior description, obtained by special purchases from Messrs. Cooper & Gamble, at prices varying from 7  $\frac{3}{4}$  d. to 8  $\frac{1}{4}$  d. per pound.

RETURNS showing the Date and Terms of all CONTRACTS for PRESERVED MEAT, for the Use of Her Majesty's Navy, &c.—continued.

PARTICULARS REQUIRED.	
<p>The quantity of cases, if any, the contractor has been allowed to withdraw from Her Majesty's Stores, after having supplied the same?</p> <p>How long such cases had been in store?</p>	<p>In consequence of the condemnations and rejections at the home victualling establishments, the contractor was repeatedly directed to remove from the several yards all the canisters containing such rejected meat, in order that the penalties of his contract might be enforced, and that he might be charged with the excess cost of the meat which might be purchased in lieu. His agent accordingly removed from Royal Clarence Yard, in September 1851, 2,093 canisters, the contents of which were, in his opinion, in a putrid state, or likely shortly to become so; but the contractor subsequently declined to remove any further quantities from either of the victualling yards, until he should be recommended to do so by his legal advisers.</p> <p>Part of the 2,093 canisters were originally delivered into store by the Contractor in September 1848, part in June, July, and November 1849, and part in November 1850. They were all removed, as before stated, in September 1851.</p>

Complaints, if any, made of the state of the salt provisions issued to Her Majesty's Ships on the West India station during the year 1851?

SALT MEAT.

Yes; one from Her Majesty's ship "Alarm," on account of the shrinkage of the meat in boiling.

SHIP.	PERIOD.	SALT BEEF.			SALT PORK.		
		Extra Issued, to make up the Regulated Allowance.	Condemned.		Extra Issued, to make up the Regulated Allowance.	Condemned.	
			Thrown Overboard.	Sold on Her Majesty's Account.		Thrown Overboard.	Sold on Her Majesty's Account.
		<i>Lbs.</i>	<i>Lbs.</i>	<i>Lbs.</i>	<i>Lbs.</i>	<i>Lbs.</i>	<i>Lbs.</i>
Wellesley - - -	1 January to 23 June 1851 -	5,152	- - -	120	- - -	- - -	1,224
Sappho - - -	1 January to 30 Sept. „ -	1,354	- - -	-	-	2,174	-
Persian - - -	1 January to 30 Sept. „ -	1,132	- - -	-	-	1,337	-
Helena - - -	1 January to 29 Nov. „ -	2,056	- - -	-	-	1,208	-
Bermuda - - -	1 January to 30 June „ -	321	- - -	-	-	452	-
Alarm - - -	1 January to 7 Nov. „ -	2,748	1,108	1,824	4,290	-	-
Inflexible - - -	1 January to 30 Sept. „ -	381	- - -	-	-	-	-
Imaum - - -	1 January to 30 Sept. „ -	416	256	-	-	288 (No voucher received.)	-
						208	-

The extra quantity issued to make up the regulated allowance, and the quantities condemned or sold on Her Majesty's account?

RETURN of the Contract Prices of BEEF and PORK for the Years 1848, 1849, 1850, and 1851.

PARTICULARS REQUIRED.	YEAR.	SALT BEEF.			SALT PORK.		
		Quantities Contracted for.	Contract Price.		Quantities Contracted for.	Contract Price.	
	1848 -	300 tierces of 304 lbs.	£. s. d.	6 1 10 p' tierce	1,000 tierces of 320 lbs.	£. s. d.	7 4 - p' tierce.
		300 "	6 5 8 "		300 "	7 4 9 "	
		1,300 "	6 7 - "		10,700 "	7 6 1 "	
		400 "	6 4 10 "				
		3,100 "	6 7 2 "				
		600 "	6 3 - "				
		<u>6,000</u>			<u>12,000</u>		
	1849 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	1,500 tierces -	5 6 6 p' tierce.	
					300 " -	5 7 6 "	
					1,000 " -	5 12 8 "	
					600 " -	5 12 10 "	
					2,500 " -	5 13 8 "	
					100 in small casks of 100 lbs. each.	1 17 - p' small cask.	
					<u>6,000</u>		
	1850 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	600 tierces -	4 13 - p' tierce.	
					2,000 " -	5 - - "	
					1,000 " -	5 2 6 "	
					500 " -	5 2 8 "	
					1,400 " -	5 3 10 "	
					30 in casks of 100 lbs. each.	1 11 6 p' cask.	
					50 tierces, without bones.	5 17 4 p' tierce.	
					<u>5,580</u>		
	Feb. 1851	800 tierces -	4 19 4 p' tierce		300 tierces -	6 1 9 p' tierce.	
		600 " -	5 7 - "		300 " -	6 10 - "	
		340 " -	5 8 4 "		300 " -	6 4 10 "	
		300 " -	5 9 - "		300 " -	6 12 10 "	
					300 " -	6 7 10 "	
					3,000 " -	6 7 9 "	
					500 " -	6 9 6 "	
					400 " -	6 14 6 "	
					300 " -	6 13 - "	
					100 in casks of 100 lbs. each.	1 19 6 p' cask.	
					100 tierces -	6 5 9 p' tierce.	
		<u>2,040</u>			<u>5,900</u>		
	Sept. 1851	600 tierces -	5 3 4 p' tierce		900 tierces -	5 13 9 p' tierce.	
		2,000 " -	4 18 4 "		2,000 " -	5 12 - "	
		500 " -	4 19 10 "		1,500 barrels of 208 lbs.	3 14 10 p' barrel.	
		300 " -	4 18 1 "		700 tierces -	5 15 - p' tierce.	
		300 " -	4 13 3 "		2,200 " -	5 14 2 "	
		500 " -	4 16 6 "		500 " -	5 7 6 "	
		500 " -	4 19 4 "		500 " -	5 11 4 "	
		500 " -	5 1 9 "		1,200 " -	5 13 6 "	
		500 " -	5 2 9 "		1,300 barrels -	3 14 1 p' barrel.	
		300 " -	5 1 10 "		300 tierces -	5 9 - p' tierce.	
		300 " -	5 2 6 "		300 " -	5 9 6 "	
		200 " -	4 19 4 "		300 " -	5 11 6 "	
		100 " -	4 19 4 "		300 " -	5 14 3 "	

The contract prices of beef and pork for the years 1848, 1849, 1850, and 1851?

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## RETURNS RELATING TO PRESERVED MEATS FOR THE NAVY.

PARTICULARS REQUIRED.	YEAR.	SALT BEEF.		SALT PORK.	
		Quantities Contracted for.	Contract Price.	Quantities Contracted for.	Contract Price.
The contract prices of beef and pork for the years 1848, 1849, 1850, and 1851?— <i>continued.</i>	Sept. 1851	150 barrels of 208 lbs.	£. s. d. 3 10 11 p' barrel	250 tierces -	£. s. d. 5 16 2 p' tierce.
		30 "	3 8 6 "	50 " -	5 13 8 "
		1,250 "	3 8 6 "	450 barrels -	3 10 - p' barrel.
		450 "	3 5 9 "	500 tierces -	5 13 8 p' tierce.
		450 "	3 8 6 "	450 barrels -	3 12 10 p' barrel.
		450 "	3 10 11 "	450 " -	3 14 5 "
		500 "	3 9 6 "	300 tierces -	5 4 6 p' tierce.
		500 "	3 11 10 "	450 barrels -	3 8 - p' barrel.
		450 "	3 9 6 "	450 " -	3 10 6 "
		50 "	3 9 6 "	500 " -	3 17 10 "
				50 " -	3 15 - "
				100 " -	3 11 2 "
				10,880	16,000

12 February 1852.

Thomas J. Grant,  
Comptroller of Victualling, &c.

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