

My recommendation for modification of the dietary scale in Schedule A would therefore be as follows, viz.,—

SCHEDULE A.

	Beef (a).	Pork (a).	Preserved Meat (b).	Suet.	Butter (c).	Biscuit (d).	Flour (e).		Rice or Oatmeal (f).	Peas.	Potatoes.		Carrots.	Onions (g).	Raisins.	Tea.	Coffee, Roasted.	Sugar, Raw.	Molasses, West India.	Water.
							Raw.	To be issued as Bread.			Fresh or	Preserved.								
	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	pints	lbs.	lbs.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	qrts.
Sunday ...	...	...	6	...	...	4	...	9	4	...	1	$\frac{1}{4}$	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$	...	4	...	3
Monday ...	8	...	...	3	3	4	7	9	4	...	...	...	4	...	4	...	$\frac{1}{2}$	...	4	3
Tuesday ...	...	8	...	...	...	4	...	9	4	$\frac{1}{4}$	...	...	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$	...	4	...	3
Wednesday ...	...	...	8	...	3	4	...	9	4	...	1	$\frac{1}{4}$	...	3	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$	...	...	3
Thursday ...	8	...	...	3	...	4	7	9	4	...	...	...	4	...	4	...	...	4	...	3
Friday ...	...	...	6	...	...	4	...	9	4	...	1	$\frac{1}{4}$	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$	...	...	4	3
Saturday ...	...	8	...	...	3	4	...	9	4	$\frac{1}{4}$	...	...	...	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$	4	...	3
Weekly Totals ...	16	16	20	6	9	28	14	63	28	$\frac{1}{2}$	3	$\frac{1}{4}$	8	3	8	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	16	8	21

Mixed pickles, $\frac{1}{2}$ pint; salt, 2 oz.; mustard, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.; pepper, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.; lime-juice (while in tropics), 6 oz.

(aa.) These articles are to be prime new Irish or American, East India beef, and picked pieces of prime mess pork, either Irish, Dantzic, or Hamburg.

(b.) No part of this supply to consist of soup and bouilli.

(c.) Only 3 oz. of butter per week to be issued to each child.

(d.) The biscuit to be extra Navy biscuit. The whole supply to be put on board in tanks, or sound air-tight casks.

(e.) The flour to be kiln-dried, and the whole supply to be put on board in sound air-tight casks. The quantity to be issued as soft bread is to be issued to the baker, and by him to be made into bread.

(f.) Equal weights of rice and oatmeal to be shipped, and the distribution to be made, as far as practicable, according to the preference of the passengers respectively.

(g.) No onions to be issued to the children.

To provide for the above rations at sea, the following quantities at least of provisions and water are to be shipped for every 100 statute adults, and in the same proportion for any number less than 100 statute adults:—

2,144 lbs. beef.	403 lbs. preserved onions.
2,144 lbs. pork.	1,072 lbs. raisins.
2,680 lbs. preserved meat.	201 lbs. tea.
806 lbs. suet.	268 lbs. roasted coffee.
1,206 lbs. butter.	2,144 lbs. raw sugar.
3,750 lbs. biscuit.	1,072 lbs. molasses.
10,320 lbs. flour.	536 pints mixed pickles.
1,809 lbs. rice.	67 lbs. mustard.
1,809 lbs. oatmeal.	268 lbs. salt.
1,072 pints peas.	34 lbs. pepper.
1,608 lbs. preserved potatoes.	300 lbs. lime-juice.
1,072 lbs. preserved carrots.	13,000 gallons water.

N.B.—The quantities of salt beef and salt pork will have to be reduced, and the quantity of preserved meat increased in equal proportion, according to the number of children in each ship; 2 lbs. less butter and 4 lbs. less onions to be shipped for each child included in the number of statute adults.

The quantity of butter shipped for each child is in excess of the quantity required to be issued under the Passengers Act, this Act requiring only 2 ounces per week for each child, the dietary scale now in force requiring 3 ounces. I therefore think that it would be a very desirable thing to issue butter only twice a week to the children—say, on Mondays and Saturdays—1 ounce on each day, and instead of the ration of butter on Wednesday, to issue for each child 1 ounce of marmalade or some kind of fruit jam, though I think the marmalade most wholesome. The cost would certainly not be more than the butter, but I believe something less, and it would be a nice change in the dietary of the children.

Schedule B.—I regret that the article condensed egg has been omitted from the children's and infants' dietary scales; it is a most nutritious food, and can be easily prepared. The raw eggs, owing to the difficulty of preserving them, were no doubt in almost every case complained of, but the surgeons, with very rare exceptions, have always spoken well of the condensed egg, and many have expressed to me their regret that it has been discontinued.

Clause 23 (24 in first schedule, 16th November, 1876).—I think the sanction given to the Company to procure the supply of medicines other than from the Apothecaries' Company is undesirable. It is very difficult to ascertain the quality of drugs, &c., before they are tested by use, therefore the necessity for having them supplied by a corporation, whose recognized position insures that everything will be of the very best description. There were many drugs required by the authorized scale of the Board of Trade omitted from Schedule D of the copy of contract first transmitted: this omission is fully supplied in Schedule D of the copy of contract dated 16th November, 1876.

Clause 25 (26 in first schedule, 16th November, 1876).—I have always thought it objectionable to allow any other passengers but Government emigrants to be carried in ships chartered for Government passengers; they interfere materially with the efficient discipline of the ship, and I am still of opinion that it would be very desirable, if possible, to prohibit the carriage of any other. Her Majesty's Emigration Commissioners for some years, in all their later chartered ships, prohibited the