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THE following is an Extract of a Despatch addressed to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs by Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires, in Japan, dated, Yokohama, September 11th, 1863.

The enclosed returns of British trade, furnished to me by Mr. Consul Winchester, are of themselves descriptive of the astonishing degree of progress which that trade has reached during the very period (the half-year ended the 30th of June last), when the situation of affairs has been more menacing and alarming than at any previous period.

Your Lordship will observe that the value of the export trade in British vessels has increased during the period referred to from £253,337, of the corresponding period last year, to £561,120

for the first six months of this year; and yet, during those same six months the succession of events which have transpired of an alarming and exciting character were calculated in an unparalleled degree altogether to paralyze and arrest any trading operations whatever.

In imports we have in the first six months of this year £111,470, against £68,981, for the same period of last year, being an excess of £42,489.

I beg leave also to draw your Lordship's attention to the fact that in this year's returns raw cotton figures for the first time as an article of export to the extent of 795,207 lbs.

In respect to the foreign trade in general of Yokohama, engaged in by the subjects of all the treaty powers, I enclose for your Lordship's information an excellent and very accurate report, extracted from a local paper.

Inclosure 1.

A RETURN of British and Foreign Vessels arrived at, and departed from, the Port of Kanagawa, during the Half-year ended 30th June, 1863, compared with the movements of 1862, during the same period.

ARRIVALS.

1863.					1862.		
Number.	Flag.				Tonnage.	Number.	Tonnage.
40	British	...	...	...	12938	14	4391
19	American	...	...	...	7347	12	9135
7	Dutch	...	...	...	1919	5	1023
2	French	...	...	...	653	2	295
5	Prussian	...	...	...	1252	...	...
1	Russian	...	...	...	286	...	...
74	Total				24395	33	14844