

In the Matter of Letters Patent granted to George Bower, of Ashton-under-Lyne, in the county of Lancaster, Ironmoulder, and John Qualter, of Dukinfield, in the county of Chester, Blacksmith, for the invention of "certain improvements in metallic pistons," bearing date the 3rd day of April, 1862, No. 940.

NOTICE is hereby given, that it is the intention of the above-named George Bower and John Qualter to present a petition to Her Majesty in Council praying Her Majesty to grant a prolongation of the term of the said Letters Patent. And notice is hereby further

given, that on the 11th day of March next, or on such subsequent day as the Judicial Committee of Her Majesty's Privy Council shall appoint for that purpose, application will be made to the said Committee by counsel that a time may be fixed for hearing the matter of the said petition; and any person desirous of being heard in opposition to the said petition must enter a caveat to that effect at the Privy Council Office on or before the 11th day of March, 1876.—Dated this 2nd day of February, 1876.

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AN ACCOUNT of the Importations and Exportations of BULLION and SPECIE registered in the Week ending 9th February, 1876.

Countries from which Imported.	Imported into the United Kingdom.					
	GOLD.			SILVER.		
	Coin.	Bullion.	Total.	Coin.	Bullion.	Total.
	Ounces.	Ounces.	Ounces.	Ounces.	Ounces.	Ounces.
Belgium	2,519	...	2,519	1,120	...	1,120
West Coast of Africa	1,100	1,230	2,330	3,864	...	3,864
British Possessions in S. Africa	6,425	455	6,880	...	...	...
China (including Hong Kong)	3,653	176	3,829	752	...	752
Japan	6,030	...	6,030	...	...	...
United States	127,116	234,284	361,400
Other Countries	3,149	802	3,951	18,867	552	19,419
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Aggregate of the Importations } registered in the Week ... }	22,376	2,663	25,539	151,719	234,836	386,555
Declared Value of the said } Importations }	£ 91,269	£ 10,662	£ 101,931	£ 37,297	£ 58,709	£ 96,006

Countries to which Exported.	Exported from the United Kingdom.							
	GOLD.				SILVER.			
	Coin.		Bullion.	Total.	Coin.		Bullion.	Total.
	British.	Foreign.	Ounces.	Ounces.	British.	Foreign.	Ounces.	Ounces.
Germany ... ..	...	...	215	215	...	...	168,400	168,400
Belgium ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	18,800	...	18,800
France ... ..	...	34,900	15,646	50,546	...	17,600	178,999	196,599
Malta	7,710	...	...	7,710	...	...	...	...
British India	25	...	...	25	...	...	130,714	130,714
South America (except Brazil)	31,483	1,459	...	32,942
Brazil	13,364	13,364
Other Countries	272	272	728	700	5,380	6,808
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Aggregate of the Exportations } registered in the Week ... }	52,854	36,359	15,861	105,074	728	37,100	488,493	521,321
Declared Value of the said } Exportations }	£ 205,660	£ 137,816	£ 61,900	£ 405,376	£ 200	£ 9,175	£ 115,070	£ 124,445