

COTTON STATISTICS' ACT, 1868.

RETURN showing the number of BALES of COTTON Imported, Exported, forwarded from Ports to Inland Towns, and returned to Ports, during the Month and eight Months ended 31st August, 1877.

DESCRIPTION.	IMPORTS.		EXPORTS.		Forwarded from Ports to Inland Towns.		Forwarded from Inland Towns to Port	
	In the month of August.	In the 8 months ended 31st August.	In the month of August.	In the 8 months ended 31st August.	In the month of August.	In the 8 months ended 31st August.	In the month of August.	In the 8 months ended 31st August.
American ...	26,204	1,545,545	8,890	63,467	128,870	1,295,386	584	3,987
Brazilian... ..	20,014	287,415	1,031	4,364	30,951	218,653	...	80
East Indian ...	26,450	360,584	16,913	177,378	16,233	191,929	22	122
Egyptian ...	4,004	162,171	3,657	14,905	15,123	162,907	...	666
Miscellaneous...	5,364	46,149	1,342	5,632	1,220	16,408	...	4
Total... ..	82,036	2,401,864	31,833	265,746	192,397	1,885,283	606	4,859

Dated the 6th day of September, 1877.

R. GIFFEN,
Statistical and Commercial Department, Board of Trade.

Patent Law Amendment Act, 1852.

Office of the Commissioners of Patents for Inventions.

NOTICE is hereby given, that provisional protection has been allowed—

1631. To Joseph Appleyard, of Bradford, in the county of York, Mechanic, for the invention of "improvements in the cutters of rivetting machinery employed in the manufacture of boots, mill-straps, harness, hose pipes, and similar articles."

On his petition, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 26th day of April, 1877.

2310. To Frederick Walton, of Heatham House, Twickenham, in the county of Middlesex, for the invention of "improvements in the manufacture of elastic tiles."

On his petition, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 13th day of June, 1877.

2448. To Richard Richardson, of Lowdham, in the county of Nottingham, Engineer, for the invention of "improvements in the connections of rods and tubes and in the manufacture of wood screws and other spikes or pins."

On his petition, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners, on the 25th day of June, 1877.

2956. To John Henry Johnson, of 47, Lincoln's-inn-fields, in the county of Middlesex, Gentleman, for the invention of "a new or improved instrument for performing gymnastic exercises."—A communication to him from abroad by Charles Klemm, of Riga, in the Empire of Russia.

2961. And to William Edward Gedge, of No. 11, Wellington-street, Strand, in the county of Middlesex, Patent Agent, for the invention of "an improved faucet or cock."—A communication to him from abroad by Henry C. Meyer, of Berlin, Prussia.

On both their petitions, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 2nd day of August, 1877.

2998. To George Adams, Printer, of 129, Packington-street, Islington, London, for the invention of "improvements in the method of and means for exhibiting bills of fare or menu at hotels and other places."

3009. And to George Moss, of London, William Robert Stirling, and Frederick Whitley Thomson, both of Glasgow, in the county of Lanark, North Britain, for the invention of "improvements in sewing machines, and in appliances connected therewith."

On both their petitions, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 7th day of August, 1877.

3023. To Robert Montgomery, of Greenock, in the county of Renfrew, North Britain, for the invention of "a new or improved automatic apparatus for ejecting water or other fluids from steam cylinders, chests, and pipes, or other vessels, conduits, or receptacles."

On his petition, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 8th day of August, 1877.

3065. To James Douglas, of Coventry, in the county of Warwick, Manufacturer, for the invention of "an improvement or improvements in bearings for the axles of bicycles, and for other rotating axles or shafts."

On his petition, recorded in the Office of the Commissioners on the 10th day of August, 1877.

3069. To Simon Simmons, of 180, Bishopsgate-street, in the city of London, for the invention of "certain improvements in the construction of umbrellas or other similar articles."

3071. To Edward Griffith Brewer, of Chancery-lane, London, for the invention of "improvements in ice making machinery."—A communication to him from abroad by Albert Albertson, of Jersey City, in the county of Hudson, and State of New Jersey, one of the United States of North America.

3073. And to Frank Wirth, of the firm of Wirth and Company, Patent Solicitors, at Frankfort on the Main, in the Empire of Germany, for the invention of "improvements in the means of and apparatus for extinguishing sparks for locomotives, farm-engines, steamers, and the like machines."—A communication from Rudolph Wolf, Manufacturer, and Arminius Rauschenbach, Engineer, persons resident at Buckau, near Magdeburg, in the Empire of Germany.

On their several petitions, recorded in the Office of