

AN ACCOUNT of the Importations and Exportations of BULLION and SPECIE registered in the Week ended 30th December, 1896.

Countries from which Imported.	Imported into the United Kingdom.					
	GOLD.			SILVER.		
	Coin.	Bullion.	Total.	Coin.	Bullion.	Total.
	Ounces.	Ounces.	Ounces.	Ounces.	Ounces.	Ounces.
Germany	424	...	424	...	16,100	16,100
Belgium	4,748	...	4,748	1,163	...	1,163
France	2,977	...	2,977	1,280	...	1,280
Portugal	773	...	773	...	...	...
Canary Islands	523	...	523	1,143	...	1,143
Egypt ... ..	...	...	...	9,064	...	9,064
The Gold Coast	170	468	638	589	...	589
Bombay ... ..	...	11,196	11,196	...	...	...
Australasia	14,380	2,670	17,050	...	7,180	7,180
West Indies, Mexico, and S. America (except Brazil) ...	239	20,210	20,449	79,802	270,900	350,702
United States ... ..	...	...	...	325,458	2,018,900	2,344,358
Other Countries	115	47	162	1,715	136	1,851

Aggregate of the Importations } registered in the Week ... }	24,349	34,591	58,940	420,214	2,313,216	2,733,430
Declared Value of the said } Importations }	£ 94,775	£ 135,040	£ 229,815	£ 53,931	£ 289,047	£ 342,978

Countries to which Exported.	Exported from the United Kingdom.							
	GOLD.				SILVER.			
	Coin.		Bullion.	Total.	Coin.		Bullion.	Total.
	British.	Foreign.			British.	Foreign.		
	Ounces.	Ounces.	Ounces.	Ounces.	Ounces.	Ounces.	Ounces.	
Russia ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	17,261	17,261
Germany ... ..	...	3,380	36,991	40,371	...	58,152	58,152
France ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	28,036	28,036
West Coast of Africa	5	...	...	5	18,564	...	18,564
British East Indies ... ..	...	...	22,920	22,920	...	47,134	137,5490
Java	1,284	...	...	1,284	...	...	...
Hong Kong ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	37,290	37,290
Japan ... ..	...	...	14,100	14,100	...	...	...
Other Countries ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	873	13,657
	
Aggregate of the Exportations } registered in the Week ... }	1,289	3,380	74,011	78,680	18,564	48,007	152,9886	
Declared Value of the said } Exportations }	£ 5,020	£ 12,500	£ 309,100	£ 326,620	£ 5,100	£ 5,758	£ 204,150	

Statistical Department, Custom House, London,
December 31, 1896.

T. J. PITTAR.

Bounty Office,
Westminster, January 1, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Rule 5 of the Second Charter of 12 Anne, that on the 17th day of March next, the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty will make their annual distribution of grants to duly qualified benefices, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations prescribed by the said Charter and by Royal Sign Manuals.

The following observations apply to the distribution:—

1. The grants are usually of the capital sum of £200.

2. No grant is given except to meet a benefaction of the value of £200 or more in money, land, houses, rent-charge, or stipend. A rent-

charge or stipend of £15 per annum is considered equal to £200.

3. No grant can be made to any benefice—

(a.) The net income of which from all sources exceeds £200 per annum.

(b.) Which has not a consecrated church with district assigned.

4. The Governors have power to make as many as three grants in one year to the same benefice to meet three benefactions.

The rate of interest allowed on augmentation moneys is 3 per cent.

Further information and forms of application may be obtained from the Secretary. The last day for receiving applications is the 1st day of March next.

By order,

JOSEPH K. ASTON, Secretary and Treasurer.