COTTON STATISTICS ACT, 1868.

RETURN of the Number of BALES OF COTTON Imported, Exported, forwarded from Ports to Inland Towns, and returned to Ports, during the Month and 6 Months ended 30th June, 1898, compared with the corresponding Months of the Years 1897 and 1896.

Description of Cotton.				Imports.			Exports.			Forwarded from Ports to Inland Towns.			Forwarded from Inland Towns to Ports.			
				1898	1897	1896	1898	1897	1896	1898	1897	1896	1898	1897	1896	
Month ended 30th June.																
American Brazilian East Indian Egyptian Miscellaneous	•••	Total	•••	•••	151,927 1,500 10,439 13,382 3,864	68,730 12,037 9,726 15,707 6,096	68,761 2,668 21,250 12,083 3,846	23,797 100 4,011 10,402 743	20,480 1,300 5,045 14,664 5,908	16,335 3,556 5,321 1,905	203,400 1,907 4,009 13,982 6,741 230,039	170,911	229,579 2,656 5,229 15,052 8,298 260,814	537 60	, 269 50	22 4
•						6 Months ended 30th June.										
American Brazilian East Indian Egyptian Miscellaneous	•••	•••	•••	•••	1,980,380 16,411 23,309 219,872 27,222	1,486,890 65,659 64,017 201,701 25,532	1,370,711 27,519 101,965 192,065 19,777	159,962 570 11,297 59,940 8,188	132,216 3,000 28,640 50,854 10,577	96,200 3,690 25,120 53,722 12,588	1,441,504 12,314 11,934 164,879 46,370	1,315,074 35,492 36,480 153,815 54,224	1,333,729 27,560 27,977 157,227 53,892	2,313 242	1,514 40 214	1,4

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