

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 12 Months ended 31st December, 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 31st December.												
American... ..	753,254	570,585	591,330	29,291	21,798	31,362	272,003	254,910	248,028	121	301	255
Brazilian	3	862	6,941	1,304	715	...	4,467	2,850	2,769	...	...	...
East Indian	4,746	729	5,612	3,735	540	4,017	1,150	964	4,618	...	...	...
Egyptian	66,548	71,145	71,419	7,255	6,139	7,173	45,926	43,087	44,203	...	...	...
Miscellaneous	8,859	3,679	4,073	171	1,469	729	7,035	7,376	8,712	12	62	47
Total	833,410	647,000	679,375	41,756	30,661	43,281	330,581	309,187	308,325	133	363	302
12 Months ended 31st December.												
American... ..	3,867,641	2,934,704	2,985,508	272,022	292,552	205,566	2,851,166	2,613,788	2,608,361	4,273	2,939	2,605
Brazilian	18,995	70,796	49,323	5,838	4,535	14,116	29,814	65,707	49,470	...	...	7
East Indian	63,649	98,643	143,103	41,031	52,188	73,620	22,432	58,884	59,236	...	...	4
Egyptian	382,646	395,684	382,170	81,776	78,393	75,372	305,135	301,892	298,085	...	40	49
Miscellaneous	69,334	55,526	53,576	9,701	17,114	19,624	85,393	94,151	96,329	462	498	815
Total	4,402,265	3,555,353	3,613,680	410,368	444,782	388,298	3,293,940	3,134,426	3,111,481	4,735	3,477	3,480

Dated January 6, 1899.

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