

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 ending 31st January, 1918, compared with the corresponding Month of the Years 1917 and 1916.

Description of Cotton.	Imports.			Exports.			Forwarded from Ports to Inland Towns.			Forwarded from Inland Towns to Ports.		
	1918	1917	1916	1918	1917	1916	1918	1917	1916	1918	1917	1916
	Month ending 31st January.											
American	230,486	338,418	268,714	100	11,193	11,383	197,992	221,201	230,626	2,904	159	143
Brazilian	1,129	1,900	46	...	...	...	4,017	5,397	6,552	...	...	...
East Indian	37,896	12,369	9,320	...	786	617	8,409	2,681	4,664	...	...	27
Egyptian	61,059	83,839	68,764	...	49,041	21,024	39,294	33,936	27,238	...	...	...
Miscellaneous	*22,946	9,062	11,351	...	934	453	8,734	10,980	13,519	869	5	85
Total	353,516	445,588	358,195	100	61,954	33,477	258,446	274,195	282,599	3,773	164	255

* Including 678 bales British East African.

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