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 5 Months ended 31st May, 1904, compared with the corresponding Months of the Years 1903 and 1902.

Description of Cotton.				(mports.			Exports.			Forwarded from Ports to Inland Towns.			Forwarded from Inland Towns to Ports.				
				1904	1903	1902	1904	1908	1902	1904	1903	1902	1904	1903	1902		
					Month ended 31st May.												
American Brazilian East Indian Egyptian Miscellaneous	400 	···· ···· ···· ···· Total	•••	•••	Bales. 185,248 7,322 26,283 26,229 †6,629	Bales. 109,783 16,890 36,496 12,536 4,364	Bales. 156,672 17,574 5,198 28,269 3,508	Bales. 5,974 481 4,284 6,091 980	Bales. 20,334 3,138 4,426 5,583 619 34,100	Bales. 24,137 5,850 1,978 7,897 863	Bales. 169,166 4,217 11,620 21,225 2,173 208,401	Bales. 215,186 13,715 8,653 17,005 6,940 261,499	Bales. 201,101 16,750 1,552 22,065 7,397	Bales. 205 205	Bales. 981 24	Bales. 108 41	
					5 Months end∉d 31st May.												
American Brazilian East Indian Egyptian Miscellaneous	***	•••	•	•••	118,944 210,557	1,420,485 107,198 74,420 210,886 21,240	1,498,950 131,065 16,044 240,957 21,301	*125,927 3,552 26,798 42,769 4,122	95,956 19,606 15,537 61,406 4,237	98,649 6,190 6,798 58,925 2,824	911,627 40,185 46,628 146,152 19,751	1,281,061 63,042 24,998 138,×55 28,168	1,178,501 63,416 6,221 155,391 36,196	1,808	2,729 76	1,370 48	
•	•	Total	** :	ļ	1,506,694	1,834,179	1,908,317	203,168	196,742	173,386	1,164,343	1,536,119	1,484,725	1,803	2,805	1,418	

Dated 7th June, 1904.

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^{*} Corrected figures.

[†] Including 124 Bales British West African and 408 Bales British West Indian.