

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 8 Months ending 31st August, 1906, compared with the corresponding Months of the Years 1905 and 1904.

Description of Cotton.	Imports.			Exports.			Forwarded from Ports to Inland Towns.			Forwarded from Inland Towns to Ports.		
	1906	1905	1904	1906	1905	1904	1906	1905	1904	1906	1905	1904
Month ending 31st August.												
American... ..	Bales. 29,951	Bales. 152,589	Bales. 44,274	Bales. 10,378	Bales. 21,120	Bales. 2,874	Bales. 196,474	Bales. 196,900	Bales. 150,933	Bales. ...	Bales. 221	Bales. 199
Brazilian	2,376	6,004	911	1,578	...	165	10,185	7,364	3,702	...	...	...
East Indian	6,619	7,062	31,260	4,842	2,940	18,658	3,083	3,331	5,162	...	...	...
Egyptian	13,659	22,805	15,320	1,762	8,408	2,403	12,040	20,174	14,294	...	...	...
Miscellaneous	*9,401	8,232	15,262	595	2,328	934	4,300	4,013	3,345	53	...	...
Total	62,006	196,692	107,527	19,155	34,796	25,034	226,082	231,782	177,436	53	221	199
8 Months ending 31st August.												
American... ..	1,623,820	2,184,998	1,258,820	131,443	187,439	151,848	1,986,227	2,021,191	1,418,824	554	2,151	2,251
Brazilian	191,788	45,716	77,023	12,317	549	3,742	126,671	35,462	48,693	...	...	...
East Indian	110,245	41,207	188,886	36,377	11,709	59,749	43,882	21,444	68,387	...	...	...
Egyptian	283,212	303,087	266,164	56,289	69,285	56,380	216,892	217,187	200,693	...	...	...
Miscellaneous	†57,644	50,998	52,663	5,752	5,092	5,661	57,667	25,311	27,972	78	...	4
Total	2,266,709	2,628,006	1,843,556	242,178	274,074	277,380	2,431,339	2,320,595	1,764,569	632	2,151	2,255

* Including 102 Bales British West Indian, and 982 Bales British West African.

† Including 5,359 Bales British West Indian, and 5,196 Bales British West African.

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Dated 6th September, 1906.