

STATEMENT
OF THE
TRADE OF BRITISH INDIA

WITH
BRITISH POSSESSIONS AND FOREIGN
COUNTRIES

FOR THE
FIVE YEARS
1888-89 TO 1892-93.



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INTRODUCTION.

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Below is shown in a tabular form the total trade of British India with other countries by sea, during the past five years:—

	Tens of Rupees.				
	1888-89.	1889-90.	1890-91.	1891-92.	1892-93.
Private Imports :					
Merchandise - - - -	66,570,318	66,560,121	69,034,900	66,587,457	62,605,030
Treasure " " " "	13,844,960	17,459,301	21,919,486	14,722,662	17,009,810
	80,415,278	84,019,422	90,954,386	81,310,119	79,614,840
Private Exports :					
Merchandise - - - -	96,978,171	103,396,862	100,135,722	108,036,010	106,535,997
Treasure " " " "	1,703,497	1,841,920	2,071,906	3,143,186	6,928,994
	98,681,668	105,238,782	102,207,628	111,179,196	113,464,991
Government Transactions :					
Imports { Stores - - - -	2,870,149	2,637,368	2,940,470	2,844,926	3,660,247
{ Treasure - - - -	0	200	15,000	0	0
Exports { Stores - - - -	71,361	63,536	91,626	137,582	59,479
{ Treasure . - - -	80,850	64,402	51,272	143,500	29,929
	3,022,360	2,765,506	3,098,368	3,126,008	3,749,655
Total Trade - - - -	182,119,306	192,023,710	196,260,382	195,615,323	196,829,486
Excess Exports of Merchandise (in- cluding Government Stores) - -	27,609,065	34,262,909	28,251,978	38,741,209	40,330,199
Excess Imports of Treasure - - -	12,060,613	15,553,179	19,811,308	11,435,976	10,050,887
Net Excess Exports of Total Trade -	15,548,452	18,709,730	8,440,670	27,305,233	30,279,312

The usual “Tables relating to the foreign sea-borne trade of British India” are appended, with a “Review of the Trade of India,” by Mr. J. E. O’Conor, C.I.E., Assistant Secretary to the Government of India in the Department of Finance and Commerce.

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