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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.				
	1887-88.	1888-89.	1889-90.	1890-91.	1891-92.
Private Imports :					
Merchandise - - - -	62,384,813	66,570,318	66,560,121	69,034,900	66,587,457
Treasure - - - -	13,825,856	13,844,960	17,459,301	21,919,486	14,722,662
	76,210,669	80,415,278	84,019,422	90,954,386	81,310,119
Private Exports :					
Merchandise - - - -	90,471,462	96,978,171	103,396,862	100,135,722	108,036,010
Treasure - - - -	1,513,954	1,703,497	1,841,920	2,071,906	3,143,186
	91,985,416	98,681,668	105,238,782	102,207,628	111,179,196
Government Transactions :					
Imports { Stores - - - -	2,619,799	2,870,149	2,637,368	2,940,470	2,844,926
{ Treasure - - - -	0	0	200	15,000	0
Exports { Stores - - - -	72,193	71,361	63,536	91,626	137,582
{ Treasure - - - -	90,670	80,850	64,402	51,272	143,500
	2,782,662	3,022,360	2,765,506	3,098,368	3,126,008
Total Trade - - - -	170,978,747	182,119,306	192,023,710	196,260,382	195,615,323
Excess Exports of Merchandise (in-					
cluding Government Stores) - - - -	25,539,043	27,609,065	34,262,909	28,251,978	38,741,209
Excess Imports of Treasure - - - -	12,221,232	12,060,613	15,553,179	19,811,308	11,435,976
Net Excess Exports of Total Trade -	13,317,811	15,548,452	18,709,730	8,440,670	27,305,233

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