

goods for the home trade, otherwise the prospects for a good year of business are favourable ; the prices of the raw material are expected to rule low, and most markets at home and abroad are becoming bare of goods.

The supply of Cotton from the United States is expected to be considerable, the estimated amount of the crop being fully 1,700,000 bales, and no circumstances at present appear likely to prevent its being sent forward freely. From India there is a probability that the import may be more than in 1838, as, in addition to an increased crop, the interruption to the China trade may direct cargoes to England, originally intended for the former destination. The crop of Brazil is also represented as somewhat larger than last year, which may rather increase the supply from thence, but no circumstances at present induce us to calculate more than the average import from Egypt and other parts.

RICE.-The total import into the kingdom in 1839 is 120 casks Carolina, 200,000 bushels of Paddy, and 400,000 bags East India, against 50 casks of Carolina, 220,000 bushels of Paddy, and 161,000 bags East India in 1838, 150 casks of the former, 350,000 bushels of Paddy, and 272,750 bags East India in 1837, 300 casks 250,000 bushels of Paddy, and 136,000 bags of the latter in 1836, and 550 casks 271,000 bushels Paddy, and 164,000 bags East India in 1835. The stock of American and of Paddy is nearly exhausted, what remains is held by the Mill Proprietors ; that of East India (from the great increase in the import) is large, and is chiefly in second hands ; it is estimated at 120,000 bags, against 38,000 bags at the close of 1838, 109,500 in 1837, 72,000 in 1836, and 85,000 in 1835. The Mill Proprietors continuing the only importers of Paddy, and the home trade preferring that cleaned by them to the manufacture of America, the import of the latter has ceased; the little export demand being also supplied by them. Throughout the year just ended the prices continued steady; 40s. for the first, and 38s. per cwt. for the second quality, duty paid for home use, and in bond for export at 14s. per cwt. less. From the high price of Grain, and the moderate supply of Bengal Rice in 1838, the price of the latter was driven up, and rated 25 to 30 per cent. higher than usual at the commencement of the past year ; but the large supply received since has been more than adequate to meet the demand, and prices consequently gradually declined. Those now quoted are about the average rates, and seem likely to be supported.

CORN.-Another year, which has proved very unfavourable in its results to the harvests of this Country, was experienced in 1839; long continued rains and ungenial weather much protracted the ripening of the large supplies of Grain which might otherwise have been expected, so that the produce of the last harvest, though larger than in 1838, proved very defective in quality, and has required a larger admixture of Foreign to render it at all available for consumption; this has been more particularly the case with Irish Corn, which was generally gathered in bad condition. and has for a long period, since its first arrival here, been selling at disproportionately low rates. The unproductive season of 1838 in this Country, occasioned a large importation of Foreign Grain in the past year, with considerable fluctuation in prices, and an opinion still prevails that large imports may yet be wanted from the Continent to supply both the defective quality, and the drain on the produce of the late harvests in this Country; although for the present, the current prices are not sufficiently encouraging to induce orders to be sent out. The value of Wheat is not above 15 or 16 per cent lower in inferior qualities than it was a year ago, whilst in the superior there is not much difference. The stock of Foreign Wheat in bond in the Kingdom on the 5th December last was, 69,700 qrs. only, the import in the year, 2,778,300 qrs. and the quantity on which duty was paid in 1839, 2,766,900 qrs. Of Flour the import was 449,740 barrels, the stock in bond 24,600 barrels, but since considerably increased by imports from America, so that the stock of this port alone, 31st ultimo, was 63,000 barrels Flour. In the corresponding periods of previous years, the stocks in bond in the Kingdom were as follows :—

	Wheat, quarters.			Flour, barrels.		
1838	1837	1836	1838	1837	1836	
170	579,700	603,900	750	100,640	96,140	

TURPENTINE.	1839	1838	1837	1836	1835	1834	1833	1832	1831
	Import to the Kingdom : Brls.	156100	207300	207500	182500	134100	145770	148500	150000
Home Consumption . . . —	173200	166800	199500	156800	144700	156670	152000	141700	143000
Stocks 31st December . . —	55500	76000	35500	33500	10500	23000	34000	41500	33300

With a considerable deficiency of import in 1839, as compared with the, average of the three previous years, the trade in this article in the past year has been far from satisfactory, the sales having been irregular, and prices fluctuating: this may probably be accounted for by the general depression which has existed throughout the year amongst the trading and commercial communities ; this must have curtailed materially many articles less essential to them than the necessaries of life. The highest prices during the past year appear to have been about 13s. 6d. to 13s. Yd. per cwt. for good quality, and the lowest 10s. 9d. to 11s. per cwt.; the present value is 1s. to 1s. 6d. per cwt. below that at the close of 1838.

TAR.	1839	1838	1837	1836	1835	1834	1833	1832	1831
Import to the Kingdom: Brls.	122500	148400	110200	98600	120500	130000	94100	104400	101500
Home Consumption . . . —	130300	114500	109700	103300	111600	116600	96900	88300	99700
Stocks, 31st December . . —	36200	51900	18000	20500	38500	38000	32900	38000	32800

There has been a decreased import to the Kingdom in 1839 compared with 1838, but it was upwards of 10 per cent. larger than the average of the eight years from 1830 to 1837. The supply of American to this port was larger in the past year than the previous one; of Baltic it was less. Prices latterly have declined, but during the early part of the year the demand was regular and good, and sales readily effected on arrival. In the comparative value at the close of the past year and that of 1838 American rules 2s. 6d. lower now, and Baltic descriptions only 6d. to 1s. per barrel lower.

COCOA.—The total import into the kingdom in the last five years appears as follows—770 tons only in the year just ended, against 1,700 in 1838, 1,450 in 1837, 1,300 in 1836, and 1,000 in 1835; and the the stock now remaining, 750 tons, against 1,150 tons in 1838, 850 at the close of 1837, 750 in 1836, and 400 in 1835. The quantity of British Plantation paid duty upon for home use (chiefly Trinidad and Grenada) is about 750 tons, against 680 tons in 1838, 630 in 1837, 400 in 1836, and 400 in 1835. Thus showing but a very small increase, although the duty is low, and the prices continued moderate throughout the year; those of Trinidad, owing to the stock being much reduced from decreased imports, and being in few hands, have gradually advanced of late, and now rate 10 per cent higher than those quoted at the close of 1838. The moderate supply received of Brazil and Guayaquil met a steady demand for export, and the quantity of those descriptions remaining in the ports being less than at the close of 1838, the annexed rates are 2s. to 3s. per cwt. higher.

SUGAR.—Referring to the subjoined Tables for particulars of the supply of all descriptions to this port in the year just ended, compared with the four preceding, and the stocks on hand at the close of each year, the following statement shows the total import into the kingdom of West India, Mauritius, and East India Sugar, and of Molasses, with the quantity of all Sugar and Molasses paid duty upon for home use in the last ten years, the stocks of Sugar remaining the 31st December each year, the quotations for 'dry brown to fine West India, and for Molasses.

IMPORTS.										
	1839	1838	1837	1836	1835	1834	1833	1832	1831	1830
B. P. Casks	180300	228800	204800	225300	230500	247000	238000	248000	266000	259500
Mauritius Bags	492000	490800	415500	301700	415500	421000	429300	415000	444500	400000
East India Bags	503000	405000	223300	163000	148000	105000	162000	136800	177500	198800
Stocks.—Casks	50500	53500	37500	63300	50000	63400	65200	50500	56300	62200
“ Mauritius	70000	66600	57400	46000	71000	102000	157700	66500	88000	36000
“ East India	180000	118900	78000	82000	40000	71000	102000	110000	110000	91000
Price	57 a 69	53 a 70	60 a 70	54 a 69	169 a 68	50 a 63	49 a 63	50 a 60	42 a 60	45 a 62
Imp. Molasses, Ps.	47500	60200	51800	51000	51300	62800	70600	55000	33500	21500
Price	31 3/4	29 3/2	31 a 37	26 a 30	26 a 29	21 a 24	21 a 27	26 2/7	21 a 23	22 2/4
Sugar paid duty, tons. .	172700	182700	185000	160000	186500	181360	169530	182900	191480	191370
Molasses, ditto.	21100	14100	15000	20400	18000	24700	32700	20000	12000	8500

The reported decrease throughout the year in the supply from the West India Colonies, is fully confirmed. It will be perceived from the above table, that nearly 49,000 casks of Sugar, and 13,000 casks of Molasses less were imported into the kingdom in 1839 than in 1838. To make up for this great deficiency, there is fortunately a large increase of East India, (encouraged, no doubt, by the reduced duty,) which with Mauritius were freely taken for the home trade. The accounts received at different periods of the year of the disinclination of the negroes to labour, (particularly in Jamaica,) and the consequent difficulty of getting off the Sugar crop there and in Demerara, produced occasionally considerable excitement in the market. On the whole, however, prices fluctuated much less than might have been expected, owing probably in some degree to the doubt entertained as to the result of the decrease from the West Indies, and of the increase from the East Indies, with the continual pressure in the money market, discouraging to the holding of heavy stocks. Early in the past year prices began to improve, and with occasionally a little reaction, gradually advanced until September. when those of brown rated 7s., low middling 4s., and good and fine 2s. per cwt. higher than at the beginning of January. The stock of West India in the ports early in October having increased, and not differing materially from that at the corresponding period of 1838, and continuing so till the close of it, the grocers purchased sparingly of middling and good qualities chiefly, and the refiners having had a bare trade all the year, owing to the advance in brown Sugar, kept nearly out of the market, the prices of the latter and the low middling consequently gave way gradually to those now quoted, whilst the good and fine grocery qualities were supported; those now current differing but little from those at the close of 1838. The value of Mauritius and Bengal Sugar fluctuated in a similar degree, and of Molasses in similar proportion. Taking into consideration the loss of the refining trade for export, since the reduction of the bounty in 1838, from 43s. 3d. to 36s. 1d. per cwt., the high price of raw Sugar, of Corn, and other articles of food, with the distressed state of trade, the home consumption is satisfactory, and nearly compensates the diminished export of refined; the quantity of Sugar paid duty upon appears to have been about 10,000 tons less, and of Molasses 7,000 tons greater than in 1838; and the stock of both admissible for home use being now much the same as it was a year ago; it is

probable under a more favourable state of the country, which may now be looked for, that future prices are more likely to rule higher than those in the past year, and will again be mostly affected by the **advices** from the West Indies, where at present a further decrease is looked for, with little if any increase from Bengal or Mauritius.

FOREIGN SUGAR.—The supply to this port and to the kingdom also has been light for several years past: the average in the last five years is only about 36,000 boxes Havannah, and 9,500 chests Brazil, out of a production of about 560,000 boxes of the former, and 120,000 chests of the latter, the rest being sent direct to the European markets, principally, and to **America**. The exportation of English refined Sugar having ceased, owing to the high price of raw, and reduction in the bounty, several houses have commenced working Foreign under bond for export, and so far **profitably**, the prices of the raw material having ruled low throughout the year. The prices of brown and yellow Brazil, Havannah, Manilla, and other Foreign, have not varied more than 10 per cent. during the year just ended, except those now current for white Brazil, which are 5s. per cwt. lower than the quotations at the close of 1838 and 1837; the demand on the whole was limited, and the stock now remaining in the English ports is considerably larger than at the close of 1839, but there is no material increase in the Continental and Mediterranean markets, although the production has been abundant in Brazil, Cuba, Siam, &c., and from all accounts is likely to be so the coming year, there therefore seems no ground for any material improvement in the present low rates. The manufacture of Sugar from Beet Root in France and Germany, will be materially checked, if not ruined, by the late reduction made in the duty on Martinique, **Gua-daloupe, &c.** Sugar, imported into France.

COFFEE.—It will be perceived from the prefixed tables, the supply to this port in the year just ended, and the stock remaining at the close of it, do not differ materially from those in the preceding year. The total importation into the Kingdom is about 18,800 tons, against 17,500 in 1838, 15,800 in 1837, 13,800 in 1836, and 12,380 in 1835; and the stock now in the ports 9000 tons, against 8,690 at the close of 1838, 7,400 in 1837, 6,800 in 1836, and 8,100 in 1835; showing a small increase at this port, but a more considerable one in the Kingdom; the increase both in the supply and in the stock now remaining, consisting chiefly of East India, and some Foreign via the Cape of Good Hope, admitted for home-use at 9d. per lb. duty, the supply from the West India Colonies having fallen off about 25 per cent.; the demand for home-consumption continued on the whole steady throughout the past year; and notwithstanding the high prices which ruled up to the commencement of it, those of Jamaica, owing to the little remaining in first hands, gradually advanced in the **Spring**, up to May and June, when they were quoted 5s. to 10s. per cwt. higher for all descriptions, and remained so with little variation until within the last two months, during which the market has been dull, and prices have declined to those now quoted; being still 5s. to 7s. per cwt. higher than those at the close of 1838; and if the coming year's supply from the West Indies does not exceed that in the last, or the quality of Rio and other descriptions via the Cape be much improved, it is probable high prices will be maintained throughout the year, with some such fluctuation, as above. The home consumption has been large, notwithstanding the embarrassed state of trade, the high prices of Coffee, the low price of Cocoa, and until lately of Tea, with an extensive and increasing use of Chicory; the quantity paid duty upon in 1839 being about 12,000 tons, against 10,550 tons in 1838, 10,520 in 1837, 10,500 in 1836, and 9,400 in 1835. The prices of East India and other Foreign Coffee in the European and Mediterranean markets have advanced in the Past year, and now rate 10 to 15 per cent. higher than for some years, the import having been less, owing in some degree to the increase in Great Britain; and the quantity remaining being moderate, with an increasing consumption, no material decline is expected to take place.

RUM.—The following statement shows the import, delivery, and stock in the four principal ports of the Kingdom in the last five years.

Import in	Delivery for Home Use, Coastwise, &c.	Export.	Total.	Stocks, 31st Dec.
punch.		punch.	punch.	punch.
1839. 44,100	24,900 punch. ..	15,000	39,900	23,900
1838. 42,900	30,000	12,650	42,650	19,700
1837. 41,100	24,500	21,350	45,850	19,450
1836. 44,750	35,800	13,250	49,050	24,200
1835. 48,700	35,600	16,350	51,950	28,500

The total import into the Kingdom in the year just closed differs little from that in the two preceding, but it is less than the average in former years, neither is there any material decrease in the delivery (except Coastwise) that for home use being nearly as large as previously, notwithstanding the high prices, and the efforts made by societies formed for abstaining from the use of Spirits. The demand both for the home-trade and export was on the whole good, and fully adequate to the supply, which was freely placed on the market on arrival. In May an advance of 4d. to 6d. per gallon took place, more particularly on those suitable for home use, and was maintained until last month; the market has since become dull; the holders are however firm. East India being subject to 15s. per gallon duty, is taken for export only. The sales here consisted of 20 to 26 per cent. O. P. at 3s. 10d. to 4s. 6d. per gallon. Several parcels of Cuba and Brazil, under proof, brought 1s. 10d. or 2s. 2d. per gallon.

GINGER.—The total import of West India into the Kingdom appears to have been 370 tons against 650 tons in 1838, 500 tons in 1837, 35 only in 1836, and 280 in 1835; and the present stock 430 tons against 500 tons, 280 at the close of 1837, 160 in 1836, and 50 in 1835. Of East India 1600 tons against 1200 tons in 1838, 1000 in 1837, 650 in 1836, and 300 in 1835, and now remaining 1660 tons—1070 in 1838, 900 in 1837, 270 in 1836, and 90 in 1835. The demand in the early part of

the last year was pretty steady, and continued so until the month of September, when it became dull, and still remains so, and prices of East India have gradually declined ; those now quoted being 20 per cent. lower than at the close of 1838 and 1837 ; but those of Barbadoes and Jamaica differ very little, particularly the good and fine qualities of the latter, which are scarce.

PIMENTO.—The total import into the Kingdom in the year just ended is again only about 9000 bags and barrels against 8600 in 1838, 18,700 in 1837, 29,000 in 1836, and 23,800 in 1835 ; and the present stock in the ports 27,000 against 25,200 bags, &c. ; at the close of 1838 ; 29,400 in 1837, 22,700 in 1836, and 22,400 in 1835. The demand throughout the year continued limited, sufficient only to take off a little more than equal to the small supply received; which it will be perceived in the last two years is not one-half the average import in previous years, making but a small reduction in the large stock remaining in the Kingdom. The prices ruled, with little variation, as now quoted, and now rate much the same as those current at the close of 1838 and 1837 ; in which, although moderate, there seems little prospect of improvement, owing to the decreased consumption in Europe, caused probably in a great degree by the low prices of other Spices.

BLACK PEPPER.—There is a great increase in the total import into the Kingdom in the year just ended, compared with previous years ; the total quantity received was 110,000 bags and pockets in 1839, against 47,500 in 1838, 64,250 in 1837, 90,000 in 1836, 26,200 in 1835 ; and the present stock 70,500 bags and pockets, against 90,000 in 1838, 105,900 in 1837, 70,000 in 1836, and 39,400 in 1835. There was, on the whole, a fair demand throughout the year for the light and middling qualities for exportation ; prices ruling chiefly from 3½d. to 4¾d., and for good heavy for home-consumption at 4½d. to 4¾d. per lb. for a very short period. With the ample stock in the ports, there seems no reason to expect different prices the coming year, which have been the current rates for the last five years, varying occasionally about ¼d. per lb. only.

ASHES.	IMPORTS.					EXPORTS.				
	1835	1836	1837	1838	1839	1835	1836	1837	1838	1839
Liverpool...	13,900	17,300	14,600	15,700	12,600	3,050	3,000	4,000	1,600	3,400
London.....	4,000	5,500	7,200	6,600	3,400	2,300	8,100	2,000	1,300	1,200
Glasgow, &c.	7,600	8,700	8,600	5,450	7,700	180	150	100	160	50
Total barrels	25,500	31,800	30,400	27,750	23,700	5,530	6,250	6,100	3,060	4,650

ASHES.	HOME CONSUMPTION.					STOCKS.				
	1835	1836	1837	1838	1839	1835	1836	1837	1838	1839
Liverpool...	1,0650	9,700	12,700	11,100	9,200	4,500	9,100	7,000	10,000	10,000
London.....	2,800	2,100	3,600	4,200	4,800	2,400	3,000	4,600	5,700	3,400
Glasgow, &c.	5,720	6,550	8,300	5,790	8,300	3,300	5,300	5,500	5,000	4,200
Total barrels	19,170	18,350	24,600	21,090	22,300	10,200	17,400	17,100	20,700	17,600

ASHES.—The trade in Ashes during the past year has been unsatisfactory and disappointing to importers, the constant tendency (with few exceptions) having been to declining prices ; and the present rates, which are 4s. to 5s. in Pot, and 5s. to 6s. per cwt. lower in Pearl than they were a year ago, having entailed heavy losses on those who have held stocks in the expectation of some improvement: The exports from Canada last year were less than in 1838 by 2,200 barrels, and to ports specified in the above tables 4000 barrels less have been received in 1839 than in 1838. The low prices appear to have encouraged, in a slight degree, an export demand from this port ; about 1500 barrels having been shipped, chiefly to Belgium : but there has been some falling off in the deliveries for home use from hence, although some increase from other ports, making the total deliveries from the Kingdom rather larger than in 1838, and reducing the existing stocks about 3,100 barrels.

The annual average imports to the Kingdom, with the deliveries for home use and export, for a series of years, have been as follows :-

IMPORTS.		DELIVERIES FOR HOME USE.	
Of four years from 1836 to 1839	23,160	} Barrels per Ann.	} Barrels per Ann.
Of the eight years from 1832 to 1839	25,660		
Of the eight years from 1832 to 1839	23,500		
Of the eight years from 1832 to 1839	26,600		
			28,900
			29,920
			26,950

DYEWOODS.

LOGWOOD.												
Tons	IMPORTS.			EXPORTS.			HOME CONSUMP.			STOCKS.		
	1837	1838	1839	1837	1838	1839	1837	1838	1839	1837	1838	1839
Liverpool „	9000	9200	14000	320	1000	2600	9980	8850	19450	1000	350	1300
London . „	5500	5540	6900	2800	2900	3000	3500	4540	3300	2600	700	1300
Bristol } „	400	560	1200	none	none	none	500	560	1200	none	none	none
& Hull } „	500	880	1160	20	30	none	480	850	1160	none	none	none
Glasgow . „												
Totals . . .	15400	16180	23260	3140	3930	5600	14460	14800	16110	3600	1050	2600

FUSTIC.												
Tons	IMPORTS.			EXPORTS.			HOME CONSUMP.			STOCKS.		
	1837	1838	1839	1837	1838	1839	1837	1838	1839	1837	1838	1839
Liverpool „	3100	3200	7400	400	750	700	4000	4150	5400	1900	200	1500
London . „	900	750	1500	200	250	100	760	930	970	500	70	500
Bristol } „	60	40	300	none	none	none	60	40	300	none	none	none
& Hull } „	220	280	530	none	none	none	300	330	400	50	none	130
Glasgow . „												
Totals . . .	4280	4270	9730	600	1000	800	5120	5450	7010	2450	270	2130

LOGWOOD.—Encouraged by the ‘high prices ruling in the year 1838, the excess of imports to the Kingdom in 1839 may not appear so remarkable as it otherwise would have done; the trade, in consequence of these large supplies, has been subject to great fluctuations, and though a good demand has existed during the whole’ year, both for home use and export, prices have given way considerably since the supplies came forward more freely, and they now rate £4 to £5 lower in Jamaica, Honduras, and St. Domingo, and £6 to £6 10s. per ton lower in Campeachy, than at this period last year. The average annual import to the Kingdom for the past ten years, appears to have been about 18,000 tons, of which in the past five, from 1835 to 1839, the average was 16,570, and the first five years, from 1830 to 1834, 19,300 tons. The annual average deliveries for home use and export in the same periods were, from 1835 to 1839, 19,100 tons, and from 1830 to 1834, 17,500 tons.

FUSTIC.—The supplies during the past year have been large, exceeding by more than 40 per cent. the annual average import to the Kingdom of the nine previous years, from 1830 to 1838. As might naturally be expected from so large an importation, prices have fallen rapidly and materially from the high rates prevailing in 1838, ruling now £5 to £6 lower in common descriptions, and £3 to £4 per ton in Cuba lower than at the close of 1838.

NICARAGUA WOOD.

	1839	1838	1837	1836	1835	1834	1833	1832	1831
Import to the Kingdom, tons	1500	1900	3100	5900	6900	5600	2940	1900	1320
Deliveries for home use. „	2200	2600	2160	2150	3390	1850	1960	1500	1670
Stock 31st December . . . „	4800	6100	7600	6960	4660	2950	610	940	900

NICARAGUA WOOD.—This article appears to call for no particular remark, the demand throughout the past year having generally been languid, and although the imports of the past year have again fallen off, the deliveries for home use have been unusually small, not reaching one-fourth of the annual average of the three previous years; thus showing that as a dyeing material it has been almost neglected in the comparative prices of the two periods; solid Wood is now lower £2 to £3, and Lima only 20s. per ton than at the close of 1838.

INDIGO.

	IMPORTS.						EXPORTS.					
	1837.		1838.		1839.		1837.		1838.		1839.	
	Chests	Serons	Chests	Serons	Chests	Serons	Chests	Serons	Chests	Serons	Chests	Serons
Liverpool	800	2700	1300	1170	1450	2200	100	350	300	400	300	560
London	24000	3400	25100	1500	17300	4200	14300	1200	19260	1180	15100	2600
Bristol & Hull.. }	50	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none
Glasgow	30	150	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none
Totals..	24880	6250	26400	2670	18750	6400	14400	1550	19500	1580	15400	3160

	HOME CONSUMPTION.						STOCKS.					
	1837.		1838.		1839.		1837.		1838.		1839.	
	Chests	Serons	Chests	Serons	Chests	Serons	Chests	Serons	Chests	Serons	Chests	Serons
Liverpool	850	3080	900	800	850	1600	250	70	350	40	650	80
London	6300	1700	1000	990	8800	980	25900	1400	21800	680	15200	1300
Bristol & Hull.. }	200	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none
Glasgow	30	150	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none
Total..	7380	4930	1790	9650	9650	2580	26150	1470	22150	720	15850	1380

INDIGO.—The annexed tables exhibit a considerable falling off in the supply of East India to the Kingdom in the past year, compared with that of 1838, but of Spanish a large increase; and though the deliveries of East India, both for home use and export, have been less than in 1838, they have exceeded the average of the eight years from 1830 to 1837 by about 1400 chests. In the existing stocks there is a great deficiency, when contrasted with the close of former years; they appear (with few exceptions) to have been gradually on the decline since 1830, and may be stated as follows:—

	1830	1831	1832	1833	1834	1835	1836	1837	1838	1839
Stocks 31st Dec.	37500	36050	32200	35500	29260	21520	23050	26150	22150	15850
Chests E. I ..	37500	36050	32200	35500	29260	21520	23050	26150	22150	15850

and had it not been for the depressed state of trade amongst our manufacturers, and the scarcity of money in the past year, it is probable a much greater deficiency would now have been apparent. Prices have fluctuated but little during the past year, and continue now to range about the same as at the close of 1838. The crop of 1839-40 is variously estimated from 115 to 120,000 Maunds.

SALTPETRE AND NITRATE OF SODA.

	IMPORTS.					EXPORTS.				
	1835	1836	1837	1838	1839	1835	1836	1837	1838	1839
		I		I		I		I	I	
Liverpool	65000	65600	75500	64900	83000	14400	3600	4050	9300	6000
London	97000	123900	159100	154500	145600	36400	26450	15600	39600	24000
Bristol and Hull ..	3000	1500	1300	3100	2300	none	none	none	none	none
Glasgow	2000	4200	4100	1500	3600	..	none	none	none	none
Totals	167000	195200	240000	224000	234500	50800	30050	19650	489600	30000

	HOME CONSUMPTION.					STOCKS.				
	1835	1836	1837	1838	1839	1335	1836	1837	1838	1839
Liverpool	80300	160960	123560	164700	153400	20800	31500	37000	28400	41000
London	2300	2500	1300	3100	2300	20800	67500	86500	83700	72300
Bristol and Hull ..						1000	non	none	none	none
Glasgow, &c.	2000	4200	4100	1500	2100	none	non	none	none	1500
Totals	135700	158950	195850	186440	201806	92800	99000	123500	112100	114800

SALTPETRE and NITRATE of SODA.—TO this port there has been a considerable increase in the supply of Saltpetre last year compared with that of 1838, and it has exceeded that of any year since the opening of the trade to China. Of Nitrate of Soda the import here has been less in 1839 than in 1838 by upwards of 600 tons. The joint imports of the two articles reach the average of the two previous years, but exceed the annual average of the five previous years from 1832 to 1836 by about 3,400 tons ; and as the stocks in the ports are less by nearly 500 tons than the average annual stock of the previous five years, an increased consumption may be inferred to have taken place, and this increase appears to have been gradually progressing for many years past. In the relative prices of the two articles at the close of 1839 and 1838 Saltpetre rules lower, and Nitrate of Soda 1s. to 1s. 6d. per cwt. higher. The joint imports of Nitrate of Soda to this port and London were 2,500 tons in 1839, against 2,780 in 1838, 3,930 in 1837, 3,350 in 1836, 2,460 in 1835, and 2,950 in 1834; and the stocks at the two ports were 31st December, 1839, 1,530 tons, against 1,500 in 1838, 2,700 in 1837, 1,750 in 1836, 880 in 1835, and 1,150 in 1834, respectively.

HIDES.

	IMPORTS.					EXPORTS.				
	1835	1836	1837	1838	1839	1835	1836	1837	1838	1839
Liverpool...	739000	620000	605000	521000	813000	338800	200300	222000	192000	270003
London....	477000	620000	480000	480000	802300	204600	120000	106600	101600	123000
Bristol and Hull....}	24000	76000	96000	18600	79000	none	none	none	none	none
Glasgow, &c.	27000	18200	20000	8300	8000	none	none	none	none	none
Totals..	1267000	1334200	1201000	1026900	1702300	543400	320300	328600	293600	393000

	HOME CONSUMPTION.					STOCKS.				
	1835	1836	1837	1838	1839	1835	1836	1837	1838	1839
Liverpool...	413900	513700	423100	426000	538800	*225000	†131000	†90800	\$65800	70000
London....	390100	425300	413400	392000	590700	30300	105000	65000	52000	93800
Bristol and Hull....}	24000	71000	91000	28600	75500	5000	10000	15000	5000	8500
Glasgow, &c.	26000	16200	20000	10300	9900	3000	5000	5000	3000	2000
Totals..	854000	1026200	967600	857700	1114000	264300	251000	175800	125800	

HIDE&—There has been a large importation in the past year of heavy Hides suitable for the home trade, of which a considerable proportion has been wet salted from Monte Video, (the intercourse with Buenos Ayres being still prevented by the blockade of that port by the French.) Of East India light Kips the supplies have been equal to the joint import of 1838 and 1837. Heavy Hides have generally found ready sale on arrival, though about the middle of the year prices had declined for wet Salted 1½d. to 1d. per lb. ; this description is now only about a ½d. per lb. lower than twelve months ago. Dry Hides have been scarce all the past year, and have found ready sale ; and East India Kips have been readily taken both for home use and export, and the stocks on hand are moderate.

	IMPORTS.						EXPORTS.					
	1834	1835	1836	1837	1838	1839	1834	1835	1836	1837	1838	1839
Brimstone.... tons	10000	11900	15100	14400	16900	6730	500	1000	150	300	600	30
Bark, Quercit, . casks	930	1600	1760	1600	1600	3250	50	90	300	650	80	520
Cochineal....serons	250	480	180	530	320	1560	60	85	70	70	130	100
Galls... bgs & chsts.	520	340	160	1040	1700	2200	10	60	100	300	70	900
Lac Dye.... chests	800	690	950	1850	2000	1540	150	100	100	30	250	480
Madders..... casks	2800	3500	3350	3300	3200	3150	290	300	200	200	360	150
Ditto..... bags	1950	1500	300	400		680					none	
Madder Roots... bales	9800	5200	8900	10500	6700	11300	none	none	none	none	none	none
Olive Oil..impl. tuns	3730	1380	3830	3310	4010	3480	200	270	165	150	180	310
Safflower.. bales, &c.	1150	650	880	450	540	570	250	180	250	250	350	250
Shumac..... bags	417000	5220	53500	33300	68000	51200	1000	300	2700	800	1650	700
Valonia..... tons	1800	2300	1450	1200	2600	3400	650	270	300	350	850	550

* 200,000 East India.
§ 21,400 East India.

† 66,000 East India.
|| 580,000 East India.

‡ 24,000 East India.

	CONSUMPTION.						STOCKS.					
	1834	1835	1836	1837	1838	1839	1834	1835	1836	1837	2838	1839
Brimstone..... tons	7900	10500	10250	14300	12700	13100	2500	2900	7600	7400	11000	4600
Bark, Quercit . . . casks	970	1170	1740	1120	1730	1370	560	900	620	450	240	1600
Cochinealserons	130	485	170	340	170	980	180	90	30	150	170	650
Galls bgs. & chsts.	460	100	180	440	1940	1200	100	280	160	460	150	250
Lac Dye chests	760	960	800	1170	1150	1310	820	450	500	1150	1750	1500
Madders casks	2990	3220	2900	2870	3760	2890	620	580	830	1060	140	250
Ditto bags	1650	1100	—	380	850	580	300	700	1200	850	none	100
Madder Roots. . bales	9800	6450	7300	8300	9600	10500	1850	500	2100	4300	1400	2200
Olive Oil. imp. tuns	3260	2080	3000	3060	4030	3670	1500	530	1200	1300	1100	600
Safflower bales & c.	350	570	330	600	290	680	1300	1200	1500	1100	1000	640
Shumac bags	45100	50400	54300	33500	60850	53500	8500	10000	6500	5500	11000	8000
Valonia tons	1650	1930	1350	1100	1740	2310	500	600	400	150	160	700

LONDON GAZETTE, Friday, Feb. 28 th, 1840.

WAR OFFICE, Feb. 28.

3d Lt. Drag.-Cornet T. Wildey, from half-pay of the 7th Lt. Drag. to be Cornet, vice Bradshaw promoted; J. H. Travers, gent. to be Cornet by purchase, vice Wildey, who retires.

4th Lt. Drag.-Surg. J. Mouat, M.D., from the 13th Lt. Drag. to be Surg, vice Perston, who exchanges.

13th Lt. Drag.—Surg. D. Perston, M.D. from the 4th Lt. Drag. to be Surg., vice Mouat, who exchanges.

15th Lt. Drag.—Capt. O. S. Blachford, from half-pay of the 59th Ft. to be Capt. vice T. C. Brander, who exchanges.

1st Ft.-Ens. F. Atkinson, from half-pay of the 7th Garrison Bat. to be Ens., without purchase; M. P. Lloyd, gent., to be Ens., by purchase, vice Atkinson, who retires.

6th Ft.—Capt. J. Kelly, from the 40th Ft., to be Capt., vice Beebee, who exchanges; Lieut. G. A. Gordon, to be Capt., without purchase, vice Crawford, promoted to the 44th Ft.

27th Ft. — Brevet-Col. G. Wyndham, from half-pay of the 20th Lt. Drag., to be Lieut.-Col. vice Brevet-Col. J. Hare, who exchanges; Maj. M'Pherson, to be Lieut.-Col., by purchase, vice Wyndham, who retires; Capt. E. Goodman, to be Major, by purchase, vice M'Pherson; Lieut. Williamson, to be Capt., by purchase, vice Goodman; Ensign L. C. Irwin, to be Lieut., by purchase, vice Williamson; F. Spring, gent., to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Irwin.

40th Ft.—Capt. R. M. Beebee, from the 6th Ft., to be Capt., vice Kelly, who exchanges.

44th Ft.—Brevet-Major J. Crawford, 6th Ft., to be Major, without purchase, vice Ainsworth, deceased; Lieut. T. Robinson, to be Capt., without purchase, vice Kitson, promoted in the 62d Ft.; Ensign W. M'Mahon, to be Lieut., vice Robinson; Lieut. H. H. Roberts, from half-pay of the 51st Ft., to be Lieut., vice Farnen, appointed to the 47th Ft.; Ensign H. Cadett, to be Lieut., by purchase, vice Roberts, who retires; Ensign R. W. Cooke, from the 70th

Ft., to be Ensign, vice M'Mahon; F. Hackett, gent. to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Cadett.

55th Ft.—Lieut. W. Snowe, from Royal African Colonial Corps, to be Lieut. vice Saunders, whose appointment has been cancelled.

62d Ft.—Brevet Major J. Kitson, from the 44th Ft. to be Major, without purchase, vice Ellis, deceased.

Rifle Brigade.—C. J. Woodford, gent. to be Second Lieut. without purchase.

1st W. I. Regt.—G. Andrews, gent. to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Smith, who retires.

Memorandum.—The Christian names of Major Mair, upon half-pay, unattached, are Cornelius Cuyler Phillip.

Erratum in the Gazette of the 25th October, 1839.—Royal African Colonial Corps.—For Ensign J. Montgomery, to be Lieut. vice Saunders, appointed to the 55th Ft. read, vice Snowe, appointed to the 55th Ft.

OFFICE OF ORDNANCE, Feb. 26.

Memorandum.—The date of the commission of First Lieut. St. George L. Lyster, of the Royal Engineers, has been altered to the 7th Dec. 1835.

ST. JAMES'S PALACE.

The Queen has been pleased to confer the honour of Knighthood upon Captain James Edward Alexander (on the 15th of August, 1838), Lieut. Colonel in the Portuguese service, and Knight of the Royal Persian Order of the Lion and Sun.

WAR OFFICE, March 6.

4th Ft.—T. G. Morris, gent. to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Inglis, appointed to the 57th Ft.

5th Ft.—Lieut. J. C. Lewis, from the half-pay of the 56th Ft. to be Lieut. vice Robinson, promoted; Second Lieut. C. D. Osborn, to be First Lieut. by purchase, vice Lewis, who retires; J. A. Forrest, gent. to be Second Lieut. by purchase, vice Osborn.

6th Ft.-Capt. **J. Michel**, from the 3d Ft. to be Major, by purchase, vice Algeo, who retires.

24th Ft.-Ensign **F. Spring**, from the 27th Ft. to be Ensign, vice Stedman, promoted in the 2d W. I. Regt.

27th Ft.--**M. R. Prior**, gent. to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Spring, appointed to the 24th Ft.

32d Ft.-Capt. the Hon. **C. F. Berkeley**, from the half-pay unattached, to be Capt. vice **T. Calder**, who exchanges; **Lieut. C. A. Baines**, to be Capt. by purchase, vice Berkeley, who retires; **Ensign R. Jones**, to be **Lieut.** by purchase, vice Baines; **A. Palk**, gent. to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Jones.

42d Ft.-**Lieut. J. C. Macpherson**, to be Capt. by purchase, vice Campbell, who retires; **Ens. W. J. H. Johnstone**, to be **Lieut.** by purchase, vice Macpherson; **T. H. Cockburn**, gent. to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Johnstone.

49th Ft.-**Ensign R. Blackall**, to be **Lieut.** without purchase; **Ensign G. D. Prettejohn**, from the 50th Ft. to be Ensign, vice Blackall; **Lieut. W. P. K. Browne**, to be Adjutant, vice **O'Callaghan**, deceased.

50th Ft.-**C. Mouat**, gent. to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Prettejohn, appointed to the 49th Ft.

57th Ft.-Capt. **W. Sterne**, from half-pay of the 83d Ft. to be Capt. vice Donaldson, promoted; **Lieut. H. Gahan**, to be Capt. by purchase, vice Sterne, who retires; **Ens. J. Ahmuty**, to be **Lieut.** by purchase, vice Gahan; **Ensign W. Inglis**, from the 4th Ft. to be Ensign, vice Ahmuty.

70th Ft.-**J. A. Macdougall**, gent. to be Ens. without purchase, vice Cooke, appointed to the 44th Ft.

2d W. I. Regt. -- **W. B. Clarke**, gent. to be Ensign by purchase, vice Kippen, whose appointment has been cancelled.

Ceylon Rifle Regiment--**Second Lieut. C. A. Cobbe**, to be Adjutant, vice Layard, promoted.

Royal African Colonial Corps--**A. Strange**, gent. to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Donaldson, deceased.

Unattached.-**Brevet-Major V. Y. Donaldson**, from the 57th Ft. to be Major, without purchase.

Brevet-Capt. W. Sterne, of the 57th Ft. to be Major in the army.

Staff-Brevet-Col. H. G. Smith, on half-pay unattached, to be **Adj.-Gen.** to the Queen's troops serving in the East Indies, vice **Col. Torrens**.

Brevet Lieut.-Col. A. J. Cloete, on half-pay of the 21st Lt. Drag. to be **Dep. Quarter-Master-Gen.** to the troops serving at the Cape of Good Hope, vice **Col. Smith**.

OFFICE OF ORDNANCE, March 6.

Royal Regt. of Artillery.-**Second Lieut. M. O. Nixon**, to be **First Lieut.** vice **Hotham**, resigned.

DOWNING STREET, March 9.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint **Stewart Henry Paget**, Esq. to be **Police Magistrate** at Gibraltar.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint **Anthony Browne Johnston Clogstoun**, Esq. to be **Marshal** of the island of Trinidad.

[This Gazette contains an order in Council, appointing **Falmouth**, in the island of Jamaica, a free warehousing port, under the regulations of an act entitled, "An Act to Regulate the Trade of the British Possession Abroad."]]

[This Gazette also contains an Order in Council, appointing **Port Melbourne**, New South Wales, to be a free warehousing port, under the regulations of an act entitled, "An Act to Regulate the Trade of the British Possessions Abroad."]]

ST. JAMES'S PALACE, March 6.

The Queen was this day pleased to invest **Field Marshal his Royal Highness Prince Francis Albert August Charles Emanuel**, Duke of Saxe, Prince of Saxe Coburg and Gotha, K.G. Her Majesty's Consort, with the Ensigns of a **Knight Grand Cross** of the Most Hon. Military Order of the Bath.

WHITEHALL, March 18.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal, granting the dignity of a **Baronet** of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, unto **Andries Stockenstrom**, of Maas-Strom, Cape of Good Hope, Esq. **Captain** in the Army, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten.

WAR OFFICE, March 13.

Memorandum.-Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to direct that the 11th Regt. of Light Dragoons shall be armed, clothed, and equipped as Hussars, and be styled the 11th (or Prince Albert's Own) Hussars.

3d Regt. of Lt. Drag.-**Cornet F. A. Bradburne**, from half-pay of the 9th Lt. Drag. to be **Cornet**, repaying the difference, vice **Gladstone**, deceased; **William Knox Orme**, gent. to be **Cornet**, by purchase, vice Bradburne, who retires.

11th Regt. of Lt. Drag.-**Ensign C. K. K. Tynte**, from the 85th Ft. to be **Cornet**, by purchase, vice **Roe**, appointed to the 60th Ft.

3d Ft.-**Lieut. D. M. Cameron**, to be Capt. by purchase, vice **Michael**, promoted in the 6th Ft.; **Ensign C. W. Green**, to be **Lieut.** by purchase, vice **Cameron**; **Ensign and Second Lieut. W. H. Underwood**, from the 95th Ft. to be **Lieut.** by purchase, vice **Bunbury**, appointed to the 67th Ft.; **F. F. Maude**, gent. to be Ensign, by purchase, vice **Green**.

12th Ft.-**Ensign and Adj. H. D. Persse**, to have the rank of **Lieut.**

18th Ft.-**Major H. W. Adams**, to be **Lieut.-Col.** by purchase, vice **Pratt**, who retires; **Capt. N. R. Tomlinson**, to be **Major**, by purchase, vice **Adams**; **Lieut. C. A. Edwards**, to be **Capt.** by purchase, vice **Tominison**; **Lieut. T. Martin**, from the 1st W. I. Regt. to be **Lieut.** vice **O'Toole**, appointed to the 46th Ft.; **Ensign H. F. Vavasour**, to be **Lieut.** by purchase, vice **Edwards**; **C. Woodwright**, gent. to be Ensign, by purchase, vice **Vavasour**.

45th Ft.-**Ensign W. Smith**, to be **Adj. vice Hine**, who resigns the Adjutancy only.

46th Ft.-**Lieut. W. H. O'Toole**, from the 18th Ft. to be **Lieut.** vice **Marshall**, deceased.

60th Ft.-**Cornet P. F. Roe**, from the 11th Lt. Drag. to be **Second Lieut.** vice **Plunkett**, whose appointment has been cancelled.

67th Ft.-**Lieut. S. G. Bunbury**, from the 3d Ft. to be **Lieut.** vice **Home**, who retires; **Lieut. S. G. Bunbury**, to be **Adj. vice James**, who resigns the Adjutancy only.

85th Ft.--Hugh Massey, gent. to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Tynte, appointed to the 11th Lt. Drag.

95th Ft.-H. J. Baines, gent. to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Underwood, promoted in the 3d Ft.

1st W. I. Regt. - W. H. Ridge, gent. to be Ensign, by purchase, vice Mushet, promoted.

Memorandum.-The Christian names of Second Lieut. Osborn, who was promoted to be First Lieut. in the 5th Ft. on the 6th of March, 1840, are Charles Davers, and not Charles Davis.

OFFICE OF ORDNANCE, March 12.

Royal Regt. of Artillery.-Second Capt. H. G. Teesdale, to be Adjt. vice H. R. Wright, promoted.

Ordnance Medical' Department. -- Richard Coffin Elliot, gent. to be Assist.-Surg. vice Lucas, M.D. resigned.

WHITEHALL, March 20.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, conferring the **honour of** Knighthood upon Robert **Boucher Clarke**, Esq. Solicitor-General in the island of Barbadoes.

WAR OFFICE, March 20.

2d Ft.-G. G. Webb, gent. to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Milne, deceased.

7th Ft.-Major Sir W. P. Gallwey, Bt. from the 88th Ft. to be Major, vice Stuart, who exchanges.

29th Ft.-Ensign K. Murchison, to be Adjt. vice Lucas, who resigns the Adjutancy only.

70th Ft.-Ensign and Adjt. G. Evatt, to have the rank of Lieut.

78th Ft. -- Douglas Hastings, gent. to be Ensign, without purchase, vice Hicky, promoted in the 1st W. I. Regt.

88th Ft.-Major J. Stuart, from the 7th Ft to be Major, vice Sir W. P. Gallwey, who exchanges.

Rifle Brigade.-Second Lieut. E. A. Somerset, to be Adjt. vice Carr, who resigns the Adjutancy only.

1st W. I. Regt. -- Ensign E. Hickey, from the 78th Ft. to be Lieut. without purchase, vice Martin, appointed to the 18th Ft.

Royal Malta Fencible Regt. -- Lieut. Salvatore Calleja, to be Capt. with local and temporary rank, vice Camilleri, deceased ; Ensign Giorgio Virtu, to be Lieut. with local and temporary rank, vice Calleja; Volunteer Cadet Loreto Bonavita, to be Ensign, with local and temporary rank, vice Virtu.

Brevet.-Major T. L. Goldie, of the 66th Ft. to be **Lieut.-Col.** in the army.

Memorandum.-The **christan** names of Lieut. Col. Adams, of the 18th Ft. are Henry William, and not Henry Williams, as heretofore stated.