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III.—RETURN of the QUANTITIES and VALUE of MERCHANDISE Imported into SHANGHAE, in 127 British Vessels of 39,030 Tons, from the Countries and Places undermentioned during the Year ending 31st December, 1853.

NO. IN. TARIFF	DENOMINATION OF GOODS.	QUANTITIES.	FROM WHAT COUNTRIES IMPORTED	ESTIMATED VALUE IN STERLING a 6s. 6d. per \$
	BRITISH MANUFACTURES AND STAPLE ARTICLES.			
13	<i>Manufactures of Cotton.</i>		London, Liverpool, Colonies, and Canton.	
	Long Cloth Grey, Pieces	1,345,860		597,656
	" White, "	223,328		109,065
	English Cotton Goods, . . "	114,875		38,291
	Printed Cottons, "	87,181		29,060
	Fancy do. "	72,936		24,312
	Drills, "	18,078		14,744
	Velvets, Value	—		16,970
	Velveteens, "	—		12,109
	Domestics, Pieces	1,621		520
	Muslins, "	1,100		325
	Handkerchiefs, Dozen	1,000		225
14	Cotton Yarn, Piculs	560		2,240
	<i>Manufactures of Wool.</i>			
47	Broad Cloths &c., . . Changs	28,287	24,953	
	Long Ells, "	113,729	37,909	
	Camlets, "	65,300	21,766	
	Inferior Woollens, . . Value	—	5,185	
	<i>Miscellaneous Articles, Raw and Manufactured</i>			
30	Iron, Nail Road, &c., . Piculs	1,420	1,183	
	Lead, "	12,632	21,053	
	Tin, "	182	970	
	Tin Plates, Boxes	295	590	
19	Flints, Piculs	1,300	433	
20	Glass and Glass Ware . Value	—	2,800	
	Coals, Tons	1,628	6,512	
	Timber, Value	—	2,800	
	Buttons, "	—	826	
	<i>Products of India and other Countries.</i>			
4	Bicho de Mar, Piculs	425	3,116	
	Birds' Nests, "	60	400	
	Cloves, "	25	150	
	Pepper, "	2,050	5,041	
	Rattans, "	11,220	13,720	
	Indigo, Value	—	1,300	
	Rice, "	—	768	
	Sugar, "	—	26,897	
	Sugar Candy, "	—	5,656	
	Sandal-Wood, Piculs	220	440	
	Sapan-Wood, "	56	34	
	Ebony-Wood, "	165	220	
	Laka-Wood, "	49	49	
	Miscellaneous Stores, &c., Val.	—		
				£15,443
				£57,058
				£743
				£89,813
				£844,917
				Total £1,045,141

REMARKS.—The preceding Returns have been compiled from the entries in the Books kept at this office. The Quantities specified are those that have paid or been declared for assessment of duty.—The weights and measures stated are those in use at Shanghai. 1 catty is equal to $1\frac{1}{3}$ pound avoirdupois, and 100 catties correspond with $133\frac{1}{3}$ pounds in England. 1 chang is 4 English yards nearly.—The value given has in most instances been computed upon the average prices of the year in the Shanghai market, and where this has been found impracticable, an approximate estimate has been substituted. The reduction of the Spanish Dollars into Sterling has been made at the average Exchange of the year of 6s. 6d. per dollar. When trade under foreign flags has been included, the information has been derived from official records when these were accessible. The destruction of the Custom-house books on the capture of the City has made it impossible to give returns of duties levied on foreign trade in the year ending December 1853.

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British Consulate, Shanghai, 31st December, 1853.