be seen to be doubtful whether, in all its varied operations, more than 250,000, certainly not 300,000, persons are en­gaged in or dependent on that branch of industry.” (P. 3.) The statement to which Mr Marshall alludes, was made by Mr Law, afterwards Lord Ellenborough, in 1800, when engaged as counsel for the petitioners against the exporta­tion of wool to Ireland. He said there were 1,500,000 persons immediately employed, and that 3,000,000 were collaterally employed ; meaning thereby to include ma­chine-makers, carriers, and so forth. No doubt he was then wrong ; but at the present day we cannot think the number short of 1,000,000, and when the census of the present year is made, it will be probably found to exceed it. Indeed Mr Marshall’s own table shows a much greater number. He takes the several counties, and separates the agricultural, mining, and manufacturing, from each other. Thus, in the west riding he gives,—coal and iron, 13,997 families; agriculture, 15,331 ; manufactures, 85,096; all others, 17,767; making the manufacturing families about two thirds of the whole. Now these are nearly all en­gaged in the woollen trade, for those engaged in the cot­ton manufacture will be compensated by at least an equal number in Lancashire engaged in the manufacture of baizes, flannels, &c. In like manner, the manufactures other than woollen are insignificant, and will be compen­sated by woollens manufactured elsewhere. His table then will stand as follows :

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| --- | --- |
| West riding of York 85,096 | |
| West of England woollen districts 20,851 | |
| Norwich and Kendal mixed stuffs 17,570 | |
| Leicester North Derby hosiery, half worsted 20,464 | |
| Families 143,981 | |

The proper multiple to count families into population is 51, that is, Great Britain in 1831 contained, in round num­bers, 3,000,000 families, and 16,000,000 individuals. Hence 143,981 families = 766,899 persons. This does not in­clude the flannel manufacturers of North Wales, the blan­ket manufacturers of Oxfordshire, and some scattered ma­nufactures in other districts, for which an allowance of 20,000 families is not excessive. We shall then have 163,981 families, and 874,565 persons, directly supported by the wool­len manufacture in England and Wales. We have no means of separating the woollen manufactures of Scotland from those engaged in other branches ; but we find from the Report of the Assistant Hand-Loom Commissioners for Scotland, that the woollen trade is carried on to a consi­derable extent in the shires of Lanark, Renfrew, and Ayr; and also, though not so largely, in Dumfries, Roxburgh, Selkirk, Edinburgh, and slightly in Peebles and Bute. We are disposed to estimate the woollen trade somewhere between a fourth and a fifth of that of England. The cli­mate being more severe, there is a much more constant use of woollen among the people than in England. The shepherd’s plaid takes the place of the linen smock-frock of the south, so that the extent of the manufacture must not be judged by the quantity exported. However, to be on the safe side, we will fix it at one fifth of that of England, or 32,800 families, or 174,933 people, dependent on the woollen manufacture, which, added to our previous number, gives 196,781 families, and 1,059,495 people.

But it must be further observed, that this calculation is based on the population returns of 1831, since which time our population, manufactures, and trade, have greatly in­creased. Between 1821 and 1831, the increase for the whole kingdom was 15½ per cent. ; and since then, from improvements in agriculture, and generally productive har­vests, it is generally thought that the ratio of increase will be found to be greater. The increase of the manufactur­ing districts generally was much greater, for the most part exceeding twenty per cent. With the moderate addition of fifteen per cent. for the increase of the woollen manu­facture in 1841, as compared with 1831, we have 226,298 families, consisting of 1,218,424 persons, dependent on the woollen manufacture for their subsistence.@@1 When we consider that our manufactures employ 1,350,239 families, and that the woollen manufacture requires a greater num­ber of manual operations than any other, we are inclined to think our estimate within the truth.

Although the quantity produced, and amount of capital employed, in the manufacture, is a subject of difficulty, and all calculations are mere approximations, more or less re­mote, according to the care with which the calculations were made, the quantity exported is more accurately ascer­tained ; and the following table conveys the most recent account published.

*An Account of the Quantity of Woollen Manufactures exported in thc year* 1838, *shewing the Country to which each Article was sent.*

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Countries.** | **Woollen Yarn.** | **Cloths of all Sorts.** | **Napped Coat­ings,**  **Duffles, &c.** | **Kersey­meres.** | **Baizes of all Sorto.** | **Stuffs**  **Woollen or Worsted.** | **Flannels.** | **Blankets and Blanket­ing.** | **Carpets and Carpet­ing.** | **Woollens Mixed with Cotton.** | **Hosiery. Stockings, Woollen or Worsted.** | | **Sundries, Coverlids, Rugs, Tapes, and Small Wares.** | **Declared Value of Woollen Goods.** |
|  | **Lbs.** | **Pieces.** | **Pieces.** | **Pieces.** | **Pieces** | **Pieces.** | **Yards.** | **Yards.** | **Yards.** | **Yards.** | **Doz.** | **Prs** | **L.** | **L.** |
| **Russia,** | **144,308** | **1,713** | **9** | **138** |  | **35,063** | **11,909** | **72** | **10.212** | **23,860** | **31** | **0** | **343** | **94,419** |
| **Sweden,** | **1,355** | **71** | **2** | **147** |  | **7,731** | **1,409** | **1,270** | **1.204** | **2,490** | **61** | **0** | **67** | **13,899** |
| **Norway, .** | **390** | **418** | **46** | **89** | **46** | **2,395** | **4,413** | **1,088** | **1,345** | **871** | **403** | **0** | **438** | **10,978** |
| **Denmark, ....** |  | **50** | **16** | **55** |  | **264** | **177** | **...** | **714** | **24** | **22** | **0** | **96** | **1,373** |
| **Prussia, ....** |  | **18** |  | **1** |  | **3** | **100** |  | **3,201** | **3,000** |  |  | **35** | **685** |
| **Germany, ....** | **1,647,680** | **13,061** | **11,593** | **4,723** | **466** | **346,034** | **342,650** | **11,600** | **59,646** | **282,924** | **1,576** | **3** | **12,647** | **734,902** |
| **Holland** | **600,291** | **2,755** | **6,970** | **924** | **17,052** | **96,778** | **190,110** | **2,360** | **44,711** | **30,356** | **9,104** | **6** | **7,161** | **299.503** |
| **Belgium** | **113,485** | **694** | **5,693** | **810** | **248** | **70,081** | **216,139** | **2,410** | **17,131** | **123,260** | **6,746** | **6** | **2,030** | **160,451** |
| **France, ....** | **140,254** | **560** | **20** | **436** | **71** | **22,152** | **20,330** | **1,185** | **17,111** | **71.843** | **98** | **6** | **603** | **53,708** |
| **Portugal, Azores, &c. .** | **3.806** | **30,630** | **225** | **1,530** | **8,298** | **27,579** | **5,970** | **2,389** | **2,480** | **31,962** | **314** | **0** | **1,135** | **224,383** |
| **Spain and the Canaries,** | **435** | **862** | **10** | **153** | **1,538** | **18.260** | **9,174** | **10,200** | **895** | **1,863** | **216** | **0** | **266** | **44,054** |
| **Gibraltar, . . .** | **1,099** | **3,234** | **71** | **636** | **107** | **11,102** | **11,434** | **2,240** | **4,885** | **33,878** | **358** | **0** | **1,098** | **55,700** |
| **ltaly** | **63,831** | **13.198** | **5** | **1,731** | **3** | **114,578** | **22,253** | **2.836** | **32,206** | **171,000** | **1,939** | **0** | **2,570** | **258,157** |
| **Malta,** | **36** | **1,789** | **...** | **116** | **1** | **2.270** | **3,993** | **2,460** | **2,137** | **4,500** | **93** | **0** | **190** | **16,245** |
| **Ionian Islands,** |  | **78** | **22** | **3** |  | **1,021** | **4,340** | **620** | **418** |  |  |  | **410** | **3,140** |
| **Turkey and Greece, .** |  | **2,369** | **52** | **21** | **1** | **10,332** | **8,185** | **1,872** | **4,004** | **2.458** | **117** | **6** | **1,022** | **25,083** |
| **Morea and Greek Islands.** |  | **5** | **...** |  |  | **63** |  |  | **55** | **200** |  |  | **100** | **303** |
| **Morocco** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **1,800** |  |  |  | **412** |
| **Syria and Palestine,** |  |  |  | **5** |  | **173** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **East Indies and china,** | **1,176** | **92,297** | **16** | **342** | **11** | **138,667** | **112,497** | **54,231** | **41,308** | **51,116** | **874** | **0** | **4.364** | **619,345** |
| **New Holland, &c. .** | **252** | **4,957** | **56** | **339** | **116** | **10,028** | **62,658** | **239,940** | **52,610** | **23,975** | **6,007** | **0** | **8,124** | **104,120** |
| **Cape of Good Hope, .** |  | **3,709** | **1,346** | **1,792** | **826** | **11,334** | **59,276** | **34,140** | **18,865** | **14,081** | **2,030** | **0** | **2,881** | **64,778** |
| **Africa (other parts),** | **555** | **2,306** | **...** | **173** | **208** | **5,719** | **6,355** | **9,970** | **230** | **22,618** | **106** | **0** | **3,251** | **32,448** |
| **British North Amer. Colonies,** | **10,991** | **52.394** | **540** | **1,344** | **509** | **34,191** | **384,584** | **260,844** | **123.723** | **60,529** | **17,322** | **0** | **22,542** | **359,632** |
| **British West Indies, .** | **...** | **7,191** | **43** | **378** | **3,8000** | **12,703** | **74,380** | **163,810** | **3,354** | **21,786** | **1,540** | **0** | **10,017** | **95,412** |
| **United States,** | **322,003** | **258,314** | **62** | **13,999** | **447** | **315,542** | **120.583** | **1,482,551** | **200,648** | **631,265** | **57,998** | **4** | **30,290** | **1,854,960** |
| **Foreign West Indies,** | **1,540** | **8,221** | **...** | **58** | **363** | **9,115** | **3,448** | **107,304** | **4,619** | **11,626** | **505** | **0** | **2,704** | **65.882** |
| **Brazil,** |  | **40,378** | **...** | **575** | 5,349 | **29,756** | **6,000** | **107,728** | **6.960** | **137,735** | **1,291** | **0** | **3,834** | **228,932** |
| **Mexico and South America,** | **364** | **43,730** |  | **5,354** | **2,266** | **22,639** | **11,905** | **36,659** | **58,608** | **85,211** | **843** | **0** | **3,068** | **332,348** |
| **Guernsey, Jersey, &c.** | **32,039** | **2,833** | **50** | **56** | **87** | **3,311** | **85,127** | **19,127** | **14,259** | **—** | **162** | **2** | **2,051** | **40,531** |
| **Total,** | **3,085,890** | **587,903** | **26,847** | **36,128** | **141,813** | **1,358,984** | **1,779,525** | **2.658,806** | **727,539** | **1,846,231 109,758** | | | **123,335** | **5,796,069** |

@@@l Mr M'Culloch, in his Statistical Account of the British Empire, estimates the number of people employed in 1826 at 334,000. This is not inconsistent with our estimate of 226,298 families in 1841.