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On 19 Oct 2019, at 12:39, Javier Cuenca wrote:

20 October 2019

Dear Guillaume,

I have looked briefly at my sheets. It turns out that the Schumpeter-Ashton's prize figures up to 1800 are correct. Since 1801 the import prize TOTALS are consolidated, that is, no distinction is given at this total level between prize and otherwise.

However, as I dimly recalled, for 1799, 1800, 1801, 1803, and 1804, the individual entries for wines ("French", "Portugal", "Spanish"), "brandy", saltpetre, tar, and several Indian fabrics, do distinguish between prize and no prize.

Would you like me to pick this up for you? Regards, Javier

From: Guillaume Daudin <guillaume.daudin@dauphine.psl.eu>

Sent: October 18, 2019 9:43:19 AM

To: Javier Cuenca

Subject: Re: British Prizes import data

Hi Javier,

Thank you for your quick answer. Good to know that everything is going well !

Actually, I was not clear enough. I am not looking of illegal imports, but for imports from ships captured by privateers or the Royal Navy. I attach a picture of what I have found in Ashton's introduction. Do you think you have a better series than his ? I would like to have something for the whole Napoleonic wars, if possible.

Best regards,

Guillaume



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On 18 Oct 2019, at 14:52, Javier Cuenca wrote:

Madrid, 18 October 2019

Hi again Guillaume, good to hear from you! Yes, I am in good health and enjoying all those activities and readings I never had time for. Meanwhile, Economic History is fading into oblivion...

...but not entirely. No, I never published "data" -- not even "estimates" -- of illegal imports. Only what I called "CONTROLLED RESIDUAL LEVELS" (EHR feb 2001, p. 59). All that can be said for these residuals is that they are consistent with the tenuously documented benchmarks I found for a dynamic run of the British balance of payments. They simply fit within a matrix constructed with fewer equations than unknowns. Yes, this is another "ghost", and there is no way out of it.

The original residuals are in EHR feb 2001, p. 60, Table 1, line 5. You can find breakdowns for "Colonial world" including Ireland, the U.S., and "Europe and Levant, excluding Ireland", in my book chapter "Comparative patters", of which I attach a copy for your convenience: please refer to Table 2.5 on pp. 48-49.

I can send you annual residuals if you wish, but I would need two or three weeks: we are going away on travel and I will not have access to the relevant software while away.

Good luck and best regards, Javier

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