From: Javier Cuenca < jcuenca@uwaterloo.ca>

Subject: Re: British Prizes import data
Date: 7 November 2019 at 18:20

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

7 November 2019

Hi again, Guillaume. As I told you, 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.

For brandy imports, which I imagine are of the greatest interest to you, I find that Schumpeter gave her figures in ROUNDED tuns of 252 gallons, with small resulting errors relative to the Customs 17 figures in gallons. Also, Schumpeter sometimes included prize and sometimes did not. This is what I have for BRANDY in GALLONS from the original Customs 17:

## PRIZE +NONPRIZE = TOT IMPORTS

4700	200047	4240202	4555040
1799	206647	1349293	1555940
1800	325605	1658238	1983843
1801	161280	2039569	2200849
1802	0	1807344	1807344
1803	100491	1744249	1844740
1804	164803	1081649	1246452

For FRENCH WINE imports I only picked the prize -nonprize distinction for 1799 and 1800, because I did not need any more for my purpose. But I am sure you can find the breakdowns in question in Customs 17 for 1801, 1803 and 1804 too.

## PRIZE +NONPRIZE = TOT IMPORTS

1799	269444	149441	418885
1800	340250	183484	523734

Tell me if this is of any use before I proceed any further. Regards, Javier

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

Sent: October 21, 2019 9:15:19 AM

To: Javier Cuenca

Subject: Re: British Prizes import data

Dear Javier,

Yes, please: that would be useful if it is not too much work,

Best wishes, Guillaume Guillaume Daudin

http://g.d.daudin.free.fr http://toflit18.hypotheses.org http://toflit18.medialab.sciences-po.fr 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 guick 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.

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

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

Sent: October 17, 2019 11:30:00 AM

**To:** Javier Cuenca **Cc:** Elisa Tirindelli

Subject: British Prizes import data

Dear Javier.

I hope this emails finds you well and that you are enjoying your retirement!

I am writing with Elisa Tirindelli a paper on the effect of the 18th century mercantilist wars on French trade, and we are looking for a measure of British privateer activity.

I know there are « import of prize goods » data in the introduction written by Ashton to Schumpeter's book. You mention in your 2001 paper on the British balance of payement from 1772 to 1820 that there are missing brandy and French wine.

I wonder if you had a corrected series of import of prize goods for that period. If you did publish it somewhere, I apologize for not finding it and I would very much appreciate a pointer to where I could find it. If you did not publish it, I would be grateful for the update to Ashton's numbers.

Best regards

Guillaume Daudin

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