

APPENDIX 2

Hanse trade figures in the late fifteenth century

During the 1460s the customs officials of several ports occasionally totalled the value of Hanseatic goods (including cloth) which would have paid poundage subsidy, but for the merchants' immunity. Unfortunately, only those of Hull did so with any regularity so a statistical series cannot be established.¹ On the other hand, even a random figure sometimes provides valuable evidence. Thus between 28 August 1467 and 30 September 1468 the total value of Hanse goods (which did not include any cloth) recorded at Sandwich was £2,585. This proves that the Steelyard merchants were still using the port for their import business. Later, by the terms of the treaty of Utrecht the Hanse merchants were allowed to retain their petty customs payments until the financial indemnity awarded to them had been settled. This resulted in a distinction being made in every port between the Hanse and alien share of the petty custom. Unfortunately, once the indemnity had been paid off there was no pressing reason to keep a separate account of Hanse payments and the practice gradually died out. While it lasted it is possible to gain a reasonably accurate picture of total Hanse trade. The following tables record the figures for ports where there was a regular business. Details are not supplied for ports where trade was small and sporadic, but such trade was included in the estimate supplied in an earlier chapter.²

¹ For the Hull figures see Childs, *Hull Customs Accounts*, table 3, p. 230.

² See above, p. 272.

	London			Cologne cloths
	Merchandise (£)	Wax (cwt)	Cloths	
Mich. 1474–5 June 1475 ^a	not known	not known	385	
5 June 1475–Mich. 1475 ^a	4,288	294	1,238	1,472 (12 months)
Mich. 1475–Mich. 1476 ^a	7,908	1,159	5,281	2,999 ^b
Mich. 1476–20 Nov. 1477 ^a	7,488	1,161	5,375	2,930
20 Nov. 1477–9 July 1478 ^a	6,539	821	3,002	2,261
9 July 1478–Mich. 1479 ^c	16,209	1,354	11,449	
Mich. 1479–Mich. 1480	16,701	1,628	10,068	
Mich. 1480–Mich. 1481	22,281	2,839	14,079	
Mich. 1481–Mich. 1482	22,534	3,561	13,386	
Mich. 1482–24 July 1483	16,246	1,739	7,490	
24 July 1483–Mich. 1484	20,601	892	13,074	
Mich. 1484–17 Sept. 1485	22,320	1,843	13,756	
17 Sept. 1485–10 Dec. 1486	23,911	1,994	14,139	
10 Dec. 1486–16 July 1487	6,632	527	3,210	
16 July 1487–Mich. 1488	not known	3,492	13,188	
Mich. 1488–Mich. 1489	30,160	2,784	13,724	

^a First three columns exclude Cologne.

^b Includes merchants of Veere, but their average 1476–9 was only 75 p.a.

^c Now includes Cologne.

Mich.–Mich. ^a	Hull		Boston		Lynn		
	Merchandise (£)	Cloths	Merchandise (£)	Cloths	Merchandise (£)	Cloths	Wax (cwt)
1474–5	1,115 ^b	444	1 ⁱ	31	146 ^k	270	9
1475–6	1,183 ^c	438	436	283	528 ^k	307	37
1476–7	1,532	435	0	0	177 ^k	84	1
1477–8	397	208	681	548	477 ^k	129	17
1478–9	1,670	232	377	195	237 ^k	187	20
1479–80	1,610	791	415	265	410 ^k	183	47
1480–1	2,484	915	417	242	294 ^l	184	44
1481–2	3,907	690	816	62	895	181	50
1482–3	2,037	387	546	214	318	79	0
1483–4	1,903	334	211	152	424	89	14
1484–5	2,158 ^d	29	458	283	661 ^m	145	0
1485–6	1,693 ^e	337	0	0	256 ⁿ	46	0
1486–7	2,509	68 ^f	0	0	501 ^o	192	0
1487–8	319	116	263	67	1,032	280	50
1488–9	not known	43 ^g	395	32	2,006	777	81
1489–90	c. 1,184	105	1,177	31	461	32	0
1490–1	0	0	0	0	not known	30	54
1491–2	not known	148	1,512	146 ^j	1,226	338	25
1492–3	3,037	619	0	0	not known	480	45
1493–4	3,247	444 ^h	0	0	308	17	0

^a Except where otherwise indicated.

^b To 22 Aug.

^c 19 cwt wax also.

^d 74 cwt wax also.

^e To 22 Aug.

^f 22 Aug.–8 Aug.

^g From 22 Aug.

^h 45 cwt wax also.

ⁱ 13 Nov.–13 Nov.

^j From 17 Sept.

^k From 8 Aug.

^l 135 cwt wax also.

^m From 2 Nov.

ⁿ 13 Nov.–Mich.

^o From 26 Oct.

Sandwich		Ipswich			
Mich.–Mich. ^a	Merchandise (£)		Merchandise (£)	Wax (cwt)	Cloths
1474–5 ^b	204 ^h	Mich. 1474–8 Nov. 1475	1,470	56	349
1475–6 ^b	313 ^h	8 Nov. 1475–8 Nov. 1476	496	37	851
1476–7 ^c	764 ⁱ	8 Nov. 1476–8 Nov. 1477	301	19	30
1477–8	379 ^j	8 Nov. 1477–8 Oct. 1478	55	0	158
1478–9	89 ^h	8 Oct. 1478–14 Oct. 1479	255	28	155
1479–80	1,639	14 Oct. 1479–14 Oct. 1480	251	0	194
1480–1	1,512	14 Oct. 1480–Mich. 1481	1,147	7	146
1481–2	840	Mich. 1481–Mich. 1482	317	7	228
1482–3 ^d	1,993 ^k	Mich. 1482–24 July 1483	336	1	35
1483–4	1,914	24 July 1483–Mich. 1484	0	0	0
1484–5 ^e	1,739	Mich. 1484–22 Aug. 1485	643	17	273
1485–6 ^f	2,243	22 Aug. 1485–Mich. 1486	347	0	7
1486–7	not known	Mich. 1486–Mich. 1487	1,129	19	348
1487–8	2,648	Mich. 1487–26 Dec. 1487	502	16	187
1488–9 ^g	83				

^a Except where otherwise indicated.

^d To 25 July.

^e To 13 June.

^f Plus £58 Cologne.

^b 17 Nov.–17 Nov.

^e To 22 August.

^h Excluding Cologne.

^k 8 cloths also.

^c 17 Nov.–Mich.

^f From 16 September.

ⁱ Plus £60 Cologne.