

Imports into the Port of Honolulu, Island of Oahu.

From whence imported, and value, &c.

| 1st January to 31st Dec. | United States.* | Coast of California, and islands adjacent.† | Chili.‡ | Mexico.¶ | China.§ | Islands of Ascension and Tahiti, and Southern Islands.¶ | Norfolk Sound, Columbia River, and N. W. Coast.** | England.†† | Prussia.‡‡ | Manila.¶¶ | TOTAL. |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|---|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1836 | \$151,000 | \$73,900 | \$29,000 | \$36,600 | \$70,000 | \$21,500 | \$21,000 | \$10,000 | \$5,000 | \$ | \$413,000 |
| 1837 | 170,000 | 49,500 | 23,000 | 29,000 | 47,000 | 10,800 | 8,000 | 8,000 | 5,000 | \$ | 350,500 |
| 1838 | 73,000 | 61,900 | 10,000 | 20,000 | 30,000 | 1,500 | 5,000 | 5,600 | | | 207,000 |
| 1839 | 231,000 | 26,500 | 31,000 | 42,000 | 31,000 | | 5,000 | 10,000 | 2,000 | | 378,500 |
| 1840 up to Aug. 17 } | 117,000 | 17,000 | 28,000 | 20,000 | 15,000 | | 4,000 | 2,000 | | 15,000 | 218,000 |
| Tot. for 5 y. | \$742,000 | \$222,800 | \$121,000 | \$147,600 | \$193,000 | \$33,800 | \$43,000 | \$35,600 | \$7,000 | \$15,000 | \$1,567,000 |

ARRIVALS.

| YEAR. | No. Whaling Vessels and Nation. | Merchant Vessels and Nation. | Vessels of War, Nation, &c. |
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| 1836 | United States, 45 England, 7* Oahu, 0 | 11 3 17 | United States Sloop Peacock. " " Sch. Enterprise. French Corvette Bonite. English Sloop Acteon. |
| 1837 | United States, 50 England, 16 France, 1 Mexico, 0 Canton, 0 Oahu, 0 Prussia, 0 | 11 1 0 1 2 12 1 | English Sloop Sulphur. " Sch. Starling. " Frigate Imogene. French Frigate Venus. |
| 1838 | United States, 63 England, 10 France, 3 Mexico, 0 Tahiti, 0 | 3 6 0 2 1 | English Sloop Fly. Russian Store Ship Nicolai. |
| 1839 | United States, 57 England, 2 Oahu, 1 Tahiti, 0 Manila, 0 Prussia, 0 | 8 7 3 1 1 1 | English Sloop Sulphur. " Sch. Starling. " Brig Sparrow Hawk. French Frigate Artemise. United States Frigate Columbia. " " Sloop John Adams. " " Store Ship Relief. |
| 1840 | United States, 10 England, 2 Oahu, 1 Mexico, 0 | 7 7 3 1 | French Brig Pylade. " Ship Danaide. |
| | Total, 263 *1 steam boat. | 115 | 19 vessels of war. |

* Consisting of Cotton cloths — bleached, unbleached, and blue; Prints; Chintz; Hardware; Copper; Cordage; Canvas; Naval stores; Flour; Bread; Wines and spirits; Furniture; Soap; Iron; Paints, &c.
† Sea Otter's Skins; Land Furs; Bullock hides; Soap; Horses, &c., but principally Otter skins, and Bullock hides. This also includes the skins taken near the coast, by vessels fitted out at Honolulu for the purpose.
‡ Same articles as those from the United States.
¶ Principally specie and bullion.
§ Blue Nanikins; blue Cottons; Teas; Silks, and some English goods.
¶ Turtle shell; Oil; Pearls, and pearl shell; Sugar, &c.
** Lumber, spars, Salmon, &c.
†† Long cloths; Chintz and Prints; Hardware; Spirits, &c.
‡‡ Cotton goods; Broadcloths; Gin, &c.
¶¶ The manufactures of China, England, and the United States, and in Cigars, Rope Hats, &c. of Manila.
In the above statement, no account is made of the large quantity of merchandise brought to Honolulu, destined for other markets, and of course carried away without landing or exchanging hands. The statement shows the actual business operation.
PEIRCE & BREWER.
Honolulu, Aug. 17, 1840.

Mr. Editor.

For the Polynesian.

Dear Sir,— We send you herewith for publication, statistical statements of the imports and exports of the Port of Honolulu, (embracing a period from January 1, 1836, to August 17, 1840,) also some other information that may be interesting to your distant readers.

We have taken some pains to make the account of imports as correct as possible. The data on which it is founded, are the general knowledge we possess of the amount or value of the invoices of cargo which have entered this port: where we have possessed no particular knowledge of the kind, the value of the cargo has been calculated from the amount of sales which we know to have been made of the same.

Great accuracy in the statements is not pretended to have been arrived at — an approximation to the truth is however claimed — and from which may be gleaned a pretty correct knowledge of the Commerce of the Sandwich Islands.

Should the matter be found interesting or useful to your readers, we shall be amply repaid for the time and labor bestowed in its collection.

Very truly, your Ob't. Serv'ts.,

PEIRCE & BREWER.

Honolulu, Aug. 18, 1840.

Exports from the Sandwich Islands.

Native Produce, and Value.

| January 1, to Dec. 31. | Sandal Wood, \$7 per picul. | Bullock Hides, \$2 each. | Goat Skins, 23 cts. ea. | Salt, \$1.25 per barrel. | Leaf Tobacco, 15 cts. per pound. | Sugar, per pound. | Molasses and Syrup, per gallon. | Kukui Oil,* | Sperm Oil, Vessel fitted out from Oahu. | Sundries. † | Arrowroot, Value 5 cts. per pound. | Total value of native produce exported. |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|---|-------------|------------------------------------|---|
| 1836 | \$26,000 | \$12,000 | \$4,600 | \$4,400 | \$500 | \$ | \$ | \$400 | \$ | \$25,000 | \$300 | \$73,900 |
| 1837 | 12,000 | 13,000 | 4,500 | 2,700 | 300 | 300 | 1,000 at 37 cts. | 600 | | 45,000 | 200 | 79,600 |
| 1838 | 6,000 | 10,000 | 3,000 | 1,400 | | 6,200 at 7 cts. | 3,450 at 30 cts. | 500 | | 35,000 | 300 | 65,850 |
| 1839 | 21,000 | 6,000 | 1,000 | 2,900 | | 6,000 at 6 cts. | 3,000 at 25 cts. | 500 | 4,000 | 50,000 | | 94,400 |
| 1840 up to Aug. 17 } | | 18,500 | 10,000 | 2,250 | 300 | 18,000 at 5 cts. | 7,300 at 23 cts. | 500 | | 16,500 | 1,700 | 75,050 |
| Tot. for 5 y. | \$65,000 | \$59,500 | \$23,100 | \$13,650 | \$1,100 | \$30,500 | \$14,750 | \$2,500 | \$4,000 | \$171,500 | \$2,500 | \$388,100 |

N. B. Bills of Exchange drawn by the Governors of the Russian Colonies on the Imperial Government, and by Masters of Ships on their owners, afford the means of remitting a large amount annually to the United States, China, &c.

It is estimated that about one half of the imports of Honolulu, are purchased by traders, and exported to the Coast of California, Russian Settlements, Southern Islands, &c., the other half is supposed to be consumed in the Islands.

* Kukui oil is a paint oil, made from the Candle Nut.

† The above includes fresh and salt provisions, and vegetables sold to the whaling and other vessels, also Mustard Seed, Brooms, Corn, Horns, &c. &c.

List and value of Vessels owned by residents at Honolulu, 1840.

Owned by Citizens of the United States.

| Vessel | Tons. | Value. |
|-------------------|-------|----------|
| Bark Don Quixote, | 260 | \$10,000 |
| Brig Bolivar, | 212 | 7,000 |
| Brig Lama, | 144 | 6,500 |
| Schooner Morse, | 98 | 8,000 |
| Schooner Unity, | 50 | 3,000 |

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| Schooner Clarion, | 33 | 3,000 |
| Schooner Pilot, | 20 | 1,500 |
| Owned by English Subjects. | | |
| Ship Europa, | 240 | 7,500 |
| Bark Eagle, | 162 | 5,000 |
| Brig Clementine, | 100 | 4,000 |
| | 1317 | \$55,500 |

COMMUNICATED.

To the Editor of the Polynesian,

DEAR SIR:— In your valuable paper of Sept. 5th, I notice an article over the signature of "A Merchant," which purports to be an answer to mine of the previous week. It is far from my design or purpose to bandy words with your correspondent; and as to arguments or reasons, he presents neither.

His article might have been permitted to pass unnoticed, were it not, that in this age of light, and liberty of speech, every man is in duty bound to stand up in defense of the abused, and to express his sentiments with the utmost freedom upon every subject which affects either himself or the public, of which he forms a constituent part. A conviction

of this duty led me first to notice the article of "A Merchant," and the same reason leads me again to notice some points in his recent communication.

I regret that your correspondent can see nothing in the Treaty which affects the character for magnanimity or generosity of the French towards this people. I had supposed, Sir, that the honest indignation of every man who heard of the Treaty would be roused, in view of such exactions from a weak and defenseless government, by a strong and powerful one. And while I would not accuse your correspondent of moral obliquity, I cannot choose but believe that, if a "stronger than he," were to dictate to him in his own counting room what goods he should receive into his enclosures, and at what price he should receive them, he would see something in such oppression to "affect the character" of his oppressor, "for magnanimity and generosity."

Your correspondent says that, "the privileges granted here to the French may perhaps be more valuable than those conferred on Hawaiians in France; yet, who shall say

that the latter are not as valuable in the abstract."

It would, perhaps puzzle your correspondent as much to explain what he means by "privileges in the abstract," as it did to explain how Sandwich Islands produce could be prohibited in France, when it was declared by the French, impossible to prohibit French produce and merchandises here. And very likely his reason would be just about as satisfactory!

I am sorry to see the attempt made by your correspondent to fix upon me the odium of depreciating the value of the privileges enjoyed by Hawaiians in France.

Is this just? Is it "A Resident," or "A Merchant," who asserts that their privileges are of no value? Who is it that calls loudly upon the advisers of the king to be ready to sustain the "total loss," — mark — "TOTAL loss" that will inevitably accrue on the first and only shipment of sugar ever made to France by a subject of His Hawaiian Majesty? If a "total loss" is to be the result of that shipment, it is evident that their privileges are of no value.