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SLAVE TRADE.

RETURN to an ADDRESS of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 16 July 1844 ;—for,

A RETURN "showing the Total Number of AFRICAN NEGROES landed for the purposes of SLAVERY on the Islands and on the Continent of *America*, from the Year 1815 to the Year 1843, both inclusive; distinguishing the Number so landed in each of those Years, and distinguishing also the Number landed in each Year on the Territory of each separate State or Power, so far as the same can be made up from Documents in the possession of Her Majesty's Government:— Also, CASES adjudged under SLAVE TRADE TREATIES, and Number of SLAVES emancipated in consequence, at *Sierra Leone, Rio de Janeiro, Havana, Surinam*, and other Places respectively, from the Year 1829 to the Year 1844."

Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed, 11 April 1845.

RETURN, so far as the same can be made up at the Foreign Office, showing the Total Number of AFRICAN NEGROES landed for the purposes of SLAVERY on the Islands and on the Continent of *America*, from the Year 1815 to the Year 1843, both inclusive; distinguishing the Number so landed in each of those Years, and distinguishing also the Number landed in each Year on the Territory of each separate State or Power, so far as the same can be made up from Documents in the possession of Her Majesty's Government.

Y E A R.	Number in Brazilian Territory.	Number in Spanish Territory.	Number in French Territory.	Number in Dutch Territory.	Number in Danish Territory.	Number in Montevidean Territory.	TOTAL.
1815	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,272
1816	—	—	1,272	—	—	—	24,292
1817	24,292	—	—	—	—	—	19,772
1818	19,772	—	—	—	—	—	200
1819	—	—	—	—	200	—	1,512
1820	—	1,032	—	480	—	—	23,600
1821	20,585	2,722	150	143	—	—	37,409
1822	36,573	336	—	500	—	—	22,408
1823	22,108	300	—	—	—	—	29,328
1824	29,328	—	—	—	—	—	39,907
1825	29,795	10,112	—	—	—	—	8,479
1826	6,816	1,663	—	—	—	—	33,737
1827	32,057	1,680	—	—	—	—	39,633
1828	36,361	1,665	1,607	—	—	—	62,402
1829	60,275	1,733	394	—	—	—	42,608
1830	41,148	1,460	—	—	—	—	895
1831	198	757	—	—	—	—	1,117
1832	116	1,001	—	—	—	—	2,232
1833	1,233	760	—	—	—	239	1,714
1834	749	215	—	—	—	750	2,336
1835	745	700	—	—	—	891	6,327
1836	4,966	1,361	—	—	—	—	36,871
1837	35,209	1,662	—	—	—	—	48,598
1838	40,256	8,342	—	—	—	—	53,320
1839	42,182	11,138	—	—	—	—	29,034
1840	20,796	8,238	—	—	—	—	24,355
1841	13,804	10,551	—	—	—	—	21,065
1842	17,435	3,630	—	—	—	—	24,722
1843	19,095	5,627	—	—	—	—	
	555,834	76,685	3,423	1,123	200	1,880	639,145
Negroes taken from Africa for the purposes of Slavery, but captured and brought to, or } driven on shore on the islands or coasts of America, and there liberated - - - }							18,042
							657,187

This Return is an Abstract of a Return (marked 73) presented to the House of Commons on the 24th February 1845, and ordered to be printed on the following day.

The reports made by British Functionaries of the arrivals of Slave Vessels in Transatlantic ports, from which the present Return is compiled, must not be considered as giving an account of all cases in which Slaves have been imported; this will appear from the following extracts from the reports in question:— Her Majesty's Commissioners and Her Majesty's Consul at Rio de Janeiro, 1st January 1844: "The accompanying Return for this year exhibits the number of vessels said to have landed cargoes to be 37; total of Slaves 14,891. The total number of Slaves, as shown by the present Return, is

is not one-half of the actual number successfully imported. We are assured that nearly 40,000 have been landed within these provinces in the period."—Her Majesty's Consul at Bahia, 30th July 1843: "The great secrecy with which the Slave traffic is carried on, and the facilities which this extensive coast offers for the landing of Slaves, together with the connivance and venality of the petty authorities, render it impossible to obtain a correct statement as to the number of Slaves imported, or places at which they have been landed."—Her Majesty's Consul at Pernambuco, 27th July 1839: "The List (No. 2) does not exhibit either the number of Slaves landed, or the names of the creeks and inlets in which they have been disembarked, for the utmost diligence of inquiry or vigilance of research cannot arrive at a correct knowledge of these facts, which are impenetrably veiled by the artful combination of all those who are either directly or indirectly interested in the Slave Trade."—Her Majesty's Commissioners at Havana, 1st January 1836: "Fifty Slave-vessels have safely arrived in this port during the year just expired. In 1833 there were 27 arrivals, and in 1834, 33; but 1835 presents a number of arrivals by means of which there must have been landed, at the very least, 15,000 negroes."—Her Majesty's Commissioners at Havana, 1st January 1840: "The average number of Africans introduced per annum is as well known as any other part of the statistics of the population; we have therefore the less hesitation in saying, that the average number of Africans brought here is said, and we believe it, to be about 18,000 per annum, and about 7,000 more into the other ports of the island, making a total of 25,000."—Her Majesty's Commissioners at the Havana, 1st January 1842: "We are glad to have it in our power to give a return of the vessels and cargoes that have arrived here or in the neighbourhood, including Matanzas, during the last seven years, as taken from the books kept at the store used by the Slave-dealers here as an exchange or place of meeting, and supposing these formed three-fourths of the importations into the whole island, a just opinion, we believe, may be approximated on the subject."

Foreign Office, }
9 April 1845. }

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(Viscount Palmerston.)

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