

British Southern Whale Fishery Statistical Data Sets: Comprising Contemporary Statistical Tables illustrating aspects of the British Southern Whaling Trade

Like most aspects of British trade in the early part of the nineteenth century the Southern Whale Fishery had numerous sets of statistics collected about it. Official statistics in the main were confined to the amount of oil imported and usually detailed from where or by whom the oil was collected. One useful feature of official statistics was that the Home Fishery was always separately identified.

Unofficial statistics were more diverse and a number of tables were prepared for inclusion in commercial publications of the day to provide the reader with some idea of the size of the trade and its contribution to Britain's economy. In some instances though statistics were collected to argue a case and this was particularly so in the 1840s as regards the English southern whale fishery.

Official Figures

Table 1.1: Total amount of Oil (Train, Spermaceti and Blubber) in Tuns imported into Great Britain from Foreign Parts between the years 1814 and 1860

Source: Figures extracted from J. Marshall, *Digest of all the accounts ...*, and, BPP 'Annual Accounts relating to Customs, Imports and Exports and Navigation' for 1833/34, and, 'Accounts relating to Imports and Exports, Customs Duties and tonnage of Vessels', 1834/35 to 1860.

Year	Tuns	Year	Tuns
		1837	31,692
1814	36,095	1838	39,431
1815	24,742	1839	31,846
1816	31,566	1840	35,414
1817	25,010	1841	32,473
1818	32,727	1842	24,408
1819	32,060	1843	34,082
1820	39,083	1844	29,148
1821	39,954	1845	35,656
1822	32,774	1846	24,140
1823	41,664	1847	33,025
1824	32,634	1848	30,426
1825	24,227	1849	28,826
1826	31,558	1850	30,544
1827	38,256	1851	31,211
1828	32,797	1852	28,754
1829	33,080	1853	29,467
1830	28,339	1854	26,583
1831	36,936	1855	23,813
1832	44,493	1856	26,216
1833	45,675	1857	30,066
1834	35,607	1858	27,159
1835	35,688	1859	30,716
1836	29,674	1860	24,058

N.B Until 1853 figures were compiled to 5 January of the year following and were recorded in the Commons papers as import figures for that year. In the table above figures have been allocated against the year in which the oil was actually imported.

Table 1.2: An Account of the number and tonnage of [Northern and Southern Whaleships] cleared outwards from, and entered inwards to, all the Parts of Great Britain ... 1787-1819 and Account of the number and tonnage of [Whaleships] cleared outwards from, and entered inwards into, all the Parts of the United Kingdom ... since 1819

Source: J. Marshall *A Digest of all the accounts relating to the population ...* p. 224 & p. 232.

YEAR	Outwards		Inwards	
	Ships	Tonnage	Ships	Tonnage
1787	178	47,477	313	87,493
1788	7	978	61	9,359
1789	206	56,602	256	60,352
1790	149	40,494	188	46,308
1791	191	50,833	178	41,371
1792	135	36,527	160	43,040
1793	120	31,974	141	36,715
1794	97	24,334	106	25,964
1795	77	20,081	75	18,869
1796	88	22,887	76	19,827
1797	83	23,256	100	27,051
1798	101	28,059	87	24,485
1799	93	26,848	95	26,809
1800	85	24,111	87	25,348
1801	98	28,671	100	34,368
1802	133	39,217	121	35,641
1803	134	39,642	134	40,036
1804	141	42,317	134	40,264
1805	116	35,212	133	39,520
1806	121	36,506	133	40,312
1807	****	***	***	***
1808	****	***	***	***
1809	****	***	***	***
1810	****	***	***	***
1811	****	***	***	***
1812	****	***	***	***
1813	****	***	***	***
1814	142	45,575	147	46,550
1815	156	50,305	159	50,937
1816	164	52,099	175	56,284
1817	177	58,333	166	53,255
1818	198	63,254	187	60,619
1819	187	59,671	186	60,085
1820	210	64,847	194	62,750
1821	196	59,445	197	60,257
1822	169	49,700	157	48,204
1823	179	55,297	170	51,796
1824	144	44,378	148	45,925
1825	142	43,271	138	42,736
1826	128	40,532	125	39,394
1827	121	38,690	119	38,002
1828	110	35,829	107	34,129
1829	119	39,540	113	35,982
1830	123	40,166	97	31,987
1831	110	36,472	111	37,454
1832	116	38,240	106	34,900

Table 1.3: Summary of the receipt and appropriation of the Customs Duties of Great Britain ... 1814-1831. South Sea Duties - Bounties Paid to Ships employed in the Whale Fishery to the South Seas

Source: J. Marshall *A Digest of all the accounts relating to the population ... Part II: A Statistical display of the finances, navigation, and commerce of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland*, pp. 12-13.

YEAR	AMOUNT	YEAR	AMOUNT
1814	£5,600	1821	£8,300
1815	£8,000	1822	£7,400
1816	£4,500	1823	£6,800
1817	£10,000	1824	£7,300
1818	£6,600	1825	£6,700
1819	£9,100	1826	£6,200
1820	£9,100		

Table 1.4: Table produced by the Office of Registrar General of Shipping at the Custom-House, London, December 16, 1830, showing An Account of the number of Ships annually fitted out in Great Britain, with their tonnage and Crews, for the Southern Whale Fishery, and of the Bounties on their Account, from 1814 to 1824, both inclusive ; and; An Account of the number of Ships fitted out in Great Britain (specifying the same) for the Southern Whale Fishery, their tonnage, and the number of men on board, during the three years ending the 5th of January, 1830

Source: McCulloch *A Dictionary, Practical, Theoretical, and Historical of commerce and Commercial Navigation* 2nd edition (1837), p. 1244.

Year	Ships	Tonnage	Men	Bounties paid £
1814	30	8,999	794	5,600
1815	22	6,985	592	8,000
1816	34	10,332	852	4,500
1817	42	14,785	1,201	10,000
1818	58	18,214	1,643	6,600
1819	47	14,668	1,345	9,100
1820	68	19,755	1,827	9,100
1821	55	14,398	1,396	8,300
1822	44	11,432	1,022	7,400
1823	59	17,669	1,536	6,800
1824	31	9,122	796	7,300
1827*	31	10,158	874	-
1828*	21	7,000	604	-
1830*	31	10,997	937	-

* Figures for 1827, 1828 and 1830 are for the Port of London only. Bounties had ceased by 1827.

Table 1.5a Statement showing the quantity in weight ... of merchandize imported into the United Kingdom from [the Fishery, wholly the produce of Labour and shipping]

Source: J. Marshall *A Digest of all the accounts relating to the population ... Part II: A Statistical display of the finances, navigation, and commerce of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland*, p. 140)

		1827	1828	1829	1830
Sperm	Tuns	5,483	3,845	5,572	5,144
Blubber	Tuns	8,451	7,761	5,755	1,039
Train	Tuns	14,104	13,213	11,975	13,487
TOTAL	Tuns	28,038	24,819	23,302	19,670
Fins	Cwt.	15,431	17,358	13,305	4,375

Table 1.5b: Account of the quantities in weight ... of Colonial and foreign produce imported into the United Kingdom and retained for home consumption [includes Home Fishery]

		1827	1828	1829	1830	1831
Blubber	Tuns	8,447	7,672	5,756	1,039	1,969
Sperm	Tuns	5,095	4,038	5,695	5,047	6,774
Train	Tuns	14,067	13,186	9,047	11,221	14,283
Fins	Cwt.	15,362	17,072	12,876	4,001	6,723

These two tables confirm that the whale oil trade into the United Kingdom in the late 1820s and early 1830s was an import trade exclusively. Little whale oil was re-exported.

Table 1.6: Return of the number of British Ships, and their tonnage, and of the British Seamen of all Ranks, employed in the South Sea Fishing, in each of the three years 1830, 1831 and 1832, and in the Years 1841, 1842, and 1843, and the Totals of each of the Three Years

Source: BPP Commons Command paper 504 (1845)

	1830	1831	1832	Total
Ships	32	24	35	91
Tons	9,682	8,335	12,066	30,083
Men	924	735	1,091	2,750

	1841	1842	1843	Total
Ships	13	6	9	28
Tons	4,836	1,835	3,096	9,767
Men	404	169	262	835

Custom House, London
7 July 1845

Table 1.7: Quantities of Oil of British Taking imported into the United Kingdom. From the Southern Fishery (tuns)

Source: BPP Commons Command paper 183 (1846).

	1843	1844	1845
Train Oil & Blubber	112	-----	217
Spermaceti Oil	2,492	2,262	1,317
Total	2,604	2,262	1,534

Office of the Inspector-General
of Imports and Exports,
Custom House, London
27 March 1846

Table 1.8: Whale Fishery - Account of Ships employed in the [Southern] Whale fishery, and of Oil Imported. Shipping cleared for the Southern Whale Fishery 1843-1844

Source: BPP Commons Command paper 183 (1846).

Cleared out from London

	1843	1844
Ships	9	13
Tons	3,096	4,004

Custom House, London
27 March 1846

Table 1.9: Spermaceti Oil quantities imported into the United Kingdom between 1831 and 1850

Source: Tables of Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions - BPP 1842 (375) xxxix.51 and 1854-55 (1987) lii.83

OIL (SPERMACETI) QUANTITIES IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM (tuns)							
Year	AUSTRALIAN	BRITISH NORTH AMERICAN	USA	WHALE FISHERY	OTHER	TOTAL	RETAINED
1831	1296	48	0	5373	99	6816	6774
1832	1616	0	1	5618	305	7540	7236
1833	1985	10	0	3158	331	5484	5637
1834	1984@	102	0	4130	60	6276	6307
1835	2159	8	1	5320	157	7645	7389
1836	2364	327	0	4244	93	7028	7005
1837	2231	309	588	3065	119	6312	6143
1838	2213	164	84	3782	240	6483	6465
1839	1167	129	168	4054	297	5815	5415
1840	1371	146	1408	2141	223	5289	4397
1841	1309	527	501	2868	22	5227	5656
1842	952	116	1171	1772	162	4173	3395
1843	1165	295	1866	2492	515	6333	5940
1844	1330	218	1052	2262	144	5006	5504
1845	1349	35	3783	1552	277	6996	**
1846	1240	132	2207	786	189	4554	**
1847	2217	162	1722	2021	164	6286	**
1848	2170	31	536	1729	246	4712	**
1849	2573	0	2865	97	127	5662	**
1850	1815	75	3115	517	270	5792	**

1831-40 Mauritius averaged 50 to 100 tuns per year, others negligible.

@ 1,984 tuns figure for Australia in 1834 is actually listed under NZ/South Seas Islands but was an error.

** Duty Free on Spermaceti Oil of British Fishing from 1845, and of Foreign Fishing from 1849 - No sperm oil was re-exported from the Great Britain during this period.

Table 1.10: Train Oil and blubber quantities imported into the UK between 1831 and 1850

Source: Tables of Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions - BPP 1842 (375) xxxix.52 and 1854-55 (1987) lii. 84

Oil (Train and Blubber) Quantities imported into the United Kingdom (tuns)							
Year	Australian	British North America	USA	Whale Fishery	Other	Total Imports	Retained Imports
1831	1329	10971	See note	5059	494	17853	16252
1832	1469	9199	See note	12141	425	23234	21210
1833	2087	10596	See note	14252	456	27391	25604
1834	2089	8211	See note	8235	524	19059	15154
1835	2780	9920	See note	3416	436	16552	8726
1836	3128	7594	See note	1318	420	12460	11717
1837	4077	9085	See note	2047	282	15491	14735
1838	7333	9301	See note	4782	382	21798	20340
1839	5875	8330	See note	1893	286	16384	16023
1840	6509	11939	See note	1291	553	20292	15558
1841	5426	10650	5	1229	743	18053	16294
1842	3015	8792	25	1055	413	13300	13000
1843	1319	12470	1198	2094	543	17624	17054

1844	3075	9375	369	2321	698	15838	15122
1845	2339	10301	328	4559	418	17945	**
1846	2179	6961	225	0	2964	12329	**
1847	2170	10161	712	118	3502	16663	**
1848	1501	11206	1519	65	2963	17254	**
1849	744	8892	633	188	3893	14350	**
1850	604	10544	1041	211	3168	15568	**

Channel Islands and the Cape Colonies averaged over 200 tuns per year each between 1841 and 1850

Figures for USA between 1831 and 1840 are included in Other as they were not significant nor able to be extracted.

** Duty free from 1845

Table 1.11: Statement exhibiting the quantity of weight of [oil] imported into the United Kingdom from the United States of North America and Tables shewing the Trade of the United Kingdom with [USA] 1831-40 and 1841-50

Source: J. Marshall *A Digest of all the accounts relating to the population ... Part II: A Statistical display of the finances, navigation, and commerce of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland*. 160; BPP Commons Command paper 375 (1842); BPP Commons Command paper 1987 (1854)

Year	Tuns	Year	Tuns
1827	531	1839	168
1828	365	1840	1,408
1829	241	1841	501
1830	61	1842	1,171
1831	15	1843	1,866
1832	1	1844	1,052
1833	-	1845	3,783
1834	-	1846	2,207
1835	1	1847	1,722
1836	-	1848	536
1837	588	1849	2,865
1838	84	1850	3,115

This table indicates that prior to 1840 few attempts were made to import United States oil into the United Kingdom. A number of the cargoes imported in the period prior to 1840 were landed in London by necessity rather than by design. Each attracted full duty.

Unofficial sources

Table 2.1: A Comparative State of the Southern Whale Fishery, as communicated by the Adventurers in the following years ...

Source: Pages 503, 529 George Chalmers Collection (Mss. A.322) in the Mitchell Library, Sydney.

Year	Vessels Returned	Sperm Oil & Head Matter Tons .. Price .. Value	Whale Oil Tons .. Price .. Value	Whale Fins Cwt .. Price .. Value	Seal Skins Number
1789	41	740 @ £57.. £43 660	2 809 @ £14.. £39 326	1 888 @ £4:5.. £8 024	77 730 @ 2/6 .. £9 716
1790	47	808 @ £50* .. £42 010 * Sperm £50 Head Matter £60	3 421 @ £15.. 57 315	2 534 @ £5.. £12 670	85 461 @ 3/- .. £12 819
1791	33	1 258 @ £42 .. £52 836	1 503 @ £18.. £27 054	1 111 @ £4:10.. £4 999	45 400 @ 3/- .. £6 810
1792	59	2 096 @ £36 .. £75 456	3 389 @ £20.. £67 780	2 473 @ £5.. £12 365	255 730 @ 2/6 .. £31 966
1794	36	1 724 @ £50.. £86 200	2 875 @ £21.. £60 375	1 640 @ £5:10.. £9 020	70 460 @ 2/-.. £7 046
<p>Ambergris in 1790 .. 360 oz @ 19/9 .. £355:10 Ambergris in 1792 .. 2 620 oz @ 12/- .. £1572 Ambergris in 1794 .. 125 oz @ 50/-.. £312:10</p>					
<p>Recapitulation of the total Value of each Year</p> <p>In 1789 £100 726 In 1790 £119 469 In 1791 £91 699:10 In 1792 £189 139:5 In 1794 £162 953:10 In 1794 £162 953:10</p> <p>In 1796 . £155 575 the quantity brought home Sperm Oil ... 1 023 Tuns and Whale Oil 2 440 Tuns In 1796 . £244 712 the quantity brought home Sperm Oil ... 1 972 Tuns and Whale Oil 2 689 Tuns</p>					

Table 2.2: An Account of the Ships cleared Outwards from England for the Southern Whale Fishery in the following Years. Prepared 18th March 1807

Source: (BT6/88) pp. 253

Year	Vessels	Tons	Men
1800	24	6 328	612
1801	34	10 103	870
1802	54	15 678	1 250
1803	39	11 034	926
1804	49	14 283	1 397
1805	25	7 642	921
1806	30	8 809	796

Table 2.3: Statement of the Southern Whale Fishery for the Years 1803, 1804 & 1805

Source: Braebourne Papers Vol. 4, 1801 – 1802 p. 229

Statement of the Southern Whale Fishery for the Years 1803, 1804 & 1805	
1803	
32 Vessels returned from the Southern Whale Fishery bringing home as under –	
1 770 Tuns Sperm Oil @ 80£ per Tun ...	£141 600
4 496 Tuns Whale Oil @ 35£ per Tun ...	£157 360
604 Cwt Whale Bone @ 4/- per Cwt ...	£1 208
5756 Seal Skins @ 10/- each ...	£2 878
90 sail of Vessels employed	
1804	
37 Vessels returned from the Southern Whale Fishery bringing home as under –	
1 952 Tuns Sperm Oil @ 78£ per Tun ...	£152 256
4 210 Tuns Whale Oil @ 32£ per Tun ...	£134 720
107 591 Seal Skins @ 7/- each ...	£37 656:17
92 sail of Vessels employed	
1805	
32 Vessels returned from the Southern Whale Fishery bringing home as under –	
2 413 Tuns Sperm Oil @ 75£ per Tun ...	£180 975
3 099 Tuns Whale Oil @ 30£ per Tun ...	£92 970
27 Cwt Whale Bone @ 2/- per Cwt ...	£27
42 041 Seal Skins @ 8/- each ...	£16 812:8
180 oz of ambergris @ 12/6- each ...	£112:10
92 sail of Vessels employed	

Table 2.4: Table 'showing the number of ships sailed each year, from 1825 to 1839 inclusive, the proportion arrived, and lost, and the quantity of oil delivered'Source: William Lance *Address to the Owners of ships engaged in South Sea Fishery, and to Capitalists generally, on the decline of the Fishery*, London, 1844, p. 6. The table containing tonnage figures for ships lost has been deleted.

Year	No. of ships sailed	Tonnage	No. of ships arrived	Tonnage	No. of ships lost	Oil Tuns Galls	Value in £
1825	16	5,483	14	4,715	2	2552 : 239	196,774
1826	31	10,648	30	10,323	1	5764 : 106	436,408
1827	30	10,659	27	9,766	3	5197 : 144	380,835
1828	18	6,519	16	5,737	2	3181 : 162	232,214
1829	35	12,623	31	11,279	4	6444 : 31	419,530
1830	34	11,728	31	10,641	3	5007 : 47	314,062
1831	28	10,476	23	8,788	5	4479 : 89	314,254
1832	36	13,132	35	12,637	1	5896 : 183	435,932
1833	22	7,617	20	6,783	2	2892 : 243	222,114
1834	21	6,729	20	7,305	1	3447 : 166	274,667
1835	24	8,832	19	6,800	5	3549 : 153	283,966
1836	25	9,679	22	8,509	3	3635 : 30	290,808
1837	16	5,220	13	4,344	3	2099 : 238	184,235
1838	20	7,322	19	7,040	1	3248 : 204	277,146
1839	20	7,521	17	6,527	3	3007 : 147	226,436

Table 2.5: Statement of the Southern Whale Fishery carried on from Great Britain since 1800; exhibiting the total number of ships annually absent from great Britain on whaling expeditions; the total Number of ships that annually returned to Great Britain; the annual Imports of sperm and common Oil, with the Prices of each; [and] the average tonnage of the Ships at sea

Source: J. R. McCulloch *A Dictionary, Practical, Theoretical, and Historical of Commerce and Commercial Navigation*, 2nd ed. plus supplement (1839) and New edition with supplement (1854)

Year	Ships at sea	Ships returned	British Sperm oil imported	British Common oil imported	Price of Sperm Oil per Tun	Price of Common Oil per Tun	Total value of imports
1800	64	26	1351	2836	70	30	179650
1801	78	25	555	3538	84	40	188140
1802	90	36	1106	5948	80	29	260972
1803	92	32	1770	4496	80	35	298960
1804	99	37	1952	4210	78	32	286976
1805	86	32	2413	3099	75	30	273945
1806	66	38	2338	3739	70	26	260874
1807	43	20	1351	1473	78	24	140730
1808	55	20	1681	2140	93	34	229093
1809	53	15	1824	805	100	40	214600
1810	45	16	1410	765	105	42	180180
1811	59	27	3404	966	100	37	376142
1812	62	12	1899	633	90	42	206496
1813	41	23	2598	2131	82	50	319586
1814	48	29	2965	1977	66	40	256950
1815	56	15	1181	1897	66	36	146238
1816	54	31	3505	2928	53	28	267749
1817	76	24	1969	3009	65	30	218255
1818	91	33	3398	4267	75	36	408462
1819	112	40	3678	4885	85	33	473835
1820	137	39	2717	5061	71	25	319432

Year	Ships at sea	Ships returned	British Sperm oil imported	Colonial Sperm oil imported	British Common oil imported	Colonial Common oil imported	Price of Sperm Oil per Tun	Price of Common Oil per Tun	Total value of imports
1821	123	58	3606		4570		60	19	303190
1822	118	41	6011		1970		54	22	356934
*1823	114	57	6891	296	1723	668	45	21	383626
1824	96	42	5928	150	742	618	40	22	273040
1825	83	32	4331	65	1104	412	48	30	256488
#1826	78	38	5695	388	454	289	55	34	359827
1827	80		4476	334	665	474	70	27	367453
1828	83	20	3216	116	136	338	79	25	275078
1829	92	26	4485	818	102	478	74	27	408082
1830	104	25	4157	498	419	904	72	43	392049
1831	108	27	5939	1576	192	1462	75	43	634747
1832	106	30	5576	1589	402	1785	61	28	498301
1833	110	19	3451	2608	220	2245	62	25	437283
1834	99	27	4021	2710	149	2394	65	23	496044
1835	89	33	5631	2260	311	3137	75	28	688369
1836	82	26	4285	2716	99	4180	80	32	697028
1837	86	18	3118	2661	381	4223	84	35	646576
1838	84	21	3801	2434	20	7904	84	25	721840

*The ships for this and the succeeding years, as for the previous ones, do not include colonial ships, but those from Britain only.

From this year commenced the Imperial measure. The old measure equated one gallon to 231 cubic inches. The new measure equated one gallon with 277.5 cubic inches.

Note accompanying the Tables: 'We are indebted for the above valuable table, the only one of its kind that has ever been published, to a gentleman connected with a house that has been largely engaged in the trade since its commencement. The details may, therefore, be safely depended upon.' The McCulloch tables includes figures for common oil imported from the southern fishery only. Northern fishery oil was not included. Oil taken by the whaleships employed in the colonial trade of Newfoundland were included only if the oil was taken in the southern fishery. The likely source of the information was Charles Enderby.

Table 2.6 A statement showing Ships classed under their respective owners

This table records the number of whaleships put to sea by each owner, the total tonnage of their fleet, the total quantity of sperm oil returned and the average voyage time for the ships in that fleet between 1825-39.

Source: William Lance *Address to the Owners of ships engaged in South Sea Fishery, and to Capitalists generally, on the decline of the Fishery*, London, 1844, p. 9.

No. of ships	Tonnage	Quantity of Oil	Time Out
59	20,636	11,111 : 2	2 yr 11m 56
28	9,600	4,686 : 18	3 yr 0 m 60
28	9,817	4,145 : 241	3 yr 3 m 30
24	8,739	4,665 : 186	3 yr 3 m 10
23	8,955	4,213 : 58	3 yr 0 m 0
22	8,475	5,016 : 232	2 yr 8 m 20
15	6,383	3,022 : 48	3 yr 4m 93
14	5,202	2,435 : 115	3 yr 2m 14
13	4,433	2,243 : 81	3 yr 2m 10
10	3,623	1,877 : 211	3 yr 5m 70
9	3,398	1,990 : 217	3 yr 0 m 0
7	2,132	1,910 : 58	3 yr 0 m 57
7	2,662	1,244 : 220	3 yr 1m 28
7	2,475	1,311 : 39	3 yr 4m 42
7	2,616	1,282 : 233	3 yr 0 m 85
7	3,691	1,385 : 115	3 yr 8m 57
7	2,265	1,273 : 114	3 yr 6m 28
7	2,161	964 : 185	3 yr 1m 0
6	2,448	1,033 : 155	3 yr 1m 0
5	1,957	947 : 36	3 yr 8 m 80
5	1,484	655 : 214	2 yr 11 m 30
4	1,409	674 : 240	3 yr 6m 0
4	1,528	480 : 124	3 yr 6m 0
3	913	296 : 111	2 yr 1 m 0
2	661	148 : 220	3 yr 9m 0
2	562	322 : 0	3 yr 3m 0
2	600	309 : 15	2 yr 7 m 0
2	416	179 : 27	3 yr 3m 0
1	404	201 : 14	3 yr 10m 0
1	324	84 : 28	3 yr 1 m 0
1	307	200 : 0	4 yr 0 m 0
1	387	241 : 35	2 yr 6 m 0
1	418	121 : 0	3 yr 1m 0
1	275	143 : 0	3 yr 2m 0
1	410	159 : 202	3 yr 1m 0
1	416	126 : 232	3 yr 6m 0

Table 2.7: Performance of Masters

This table categorises the number of voyages undertaken by each master employed in the fishery between 1825 and 1839 and categorises them by the size of the catch they made.

Source: William Lance *Address to the Owners of ships engaged in South Sea Fishery, and to Capitalists generally, on the decline of the Fishery*, London, 1844, p. 11.

	<100 tons	<150 tons	<200 tons	>200 tons
1 Voyage	10	27	25	17
2 Voyages	6	15	34	241
3 Voyages	7	14	33	36
4+ Voyages	1	1	26	29

Table 2.8: A Return of [Whaling] Vessels [sailing to the Northern & Southern fisheries and] entered inwards and cleared outwards in the Ports of the United Kingdom, Year by Year, since the Year 1814

Source: BPP: Report from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the state and condition of the Commercial Marine of the Country, and to take into consideration and report on the best mode of encouraging and extending the employment of British Shipping - Printed 25 July 1844. *British Parliamentary papers* (BPP) 1844 (545) viii. Appendix 3. This return was submitted by the shipowner George Young. It has therefore not been placed in the Official returns.

Year	Inwards	Outwards
1814	147	142
1815	159	156
1816	175	164
1817	166	177
1818	187	198
1819	186	187
1820	194	210
1821	197	196
1822	157	169
1823	170	179
1824	148	144
1825	138	142
1826	125	128
1827	118	121
1828	107	113
1829	114	119
1830	97	123
1831	111	110
1832	106	116
1833	94	100
1834	114	101
1835	94	101
1836	86	94
1837	71	61
1838	62	60
1839	63	61
1840	44	48
1841	40	32
1842	31	24
1843	40	34