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COMMERCIAL REPORT

FROM

HER MAJESTY'S CONSUL-GENERAL

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FOR THE YEAR

1872.

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THE export of rice for the year 1872 is somewhat in excess of that of the previous year. The crops of both these years were, however, below the average, there having been a superabundance of rain in 1871, and too little in the following season. On this account the crops of both years fell considerably short of that of 1870.

Though there are few countries where the eccentricities of the seasons would be more easily controlled than in Siam, nothing whatsoever has as yet been done to mitigate the evils which arise from these causes. The country is so well watered that it would require very little trouble to bring a sufficient supply to secure a good crop even in the worst seasons, while during the highest floods known for thirty years the water has only risen about six inches above the average. It therefore happens that severe famines are unknown in Siam, and perhaps for this very reason nothing has been done to aid nature's gifts to man. Those who administer the Government are not unaware how much might still be done to secure a greater regularity in their crops. Many of them have travelled in foreign countries and seen what has been done there; all are aware more or less that there are other Governments who consider that they have some other duties to perform than merely taking all they can from the people and giving nothing in return. Indeed, if promises were of any use, this country would be in a very different state from what it is, for these people are as profuse in stating their good intentions as they are negligent in performing them. It is therefore not to be wondered at that we are being fast left behind by British Burmah and French Cochin China, though I believe that Siam possesses greater natural resources than either of these countries. Another disadvantage under which we labour is that Bangkok is shut out from all telegraphic communication with the outward world.

The other articles of export are as much as usual.

The import trade is somewhat in excess of all previous years. This is, I have reason to believe, owing to the fact that the duties have been more regularly collected. This trade is almost entirely in the hands of British subjects, and the greater part of the goods have been manufactured in Great Britain or British India.

This Report is accompanied by the usual shipping returns, three in number, together with Tables of exports and imports.

(Signed) THOMAS GEORGE KNOX.

*Her Britannic Majesty's Consulate-General,
Bangkok, June 21, 1873.*

(No. 1.)—RETURN of British Shipping at the Port of Bangkok during the Year 1872.

Direct Trade in British Vessels from and to Great Britain and British Colonies.

ENTERED.									CLEARED.								
Whence Arrived.	Number of Vessels.			Tonnage.			Total Number of Crews.	Invoice Value of Cargoes.	Whither Bound.	Number of Vessels.			Tonnage.			Total Number of Crews.	Invoice Value of Cargoes.
	With Cargoes.	In Ballast.	Total.	With Cargoes.	In Ballast.	Total.				With Cargoes.	In Ballast.	Total.	With Cargoes.	In Ballast.	Total.		
Great Britain ...	3	...	3	492	...	942	31	23,693	Great Britain...	2	...	2	1,040	...	1,040	30	24,990
Australia ...	1	...	1	289	...	289	12	844	Australia...	2	...	2	667	...	667	21	6,325
Hong Kong ...	9	22	31	3,930	10,559	14,489	481	4,825	Hong Kong ...	39	...	39	19,196	...	19,196	664	180,025
Singapore ...	44	3	47	14,217	1,464	16,681	1,430	400,922	Singapore ...	40	...	40	12,357	...	12,357	1,534	261,525
Total ...	57	25	82	19,278	12,023	31,401	1,954	430,284	Total ...	83	...	83	32,262	...	32,262	1,919	473,066

Indirect or Carrying Trade in British Vessels from and to other Countries.

Swatow ...	1	...	1	395	...	395	14	1,970	Java ...	4	...	4	799	...	799	61	3,103
Batavia...	1	...	1	172	...	172	14	200									
Saigon ...	...	2	...	1,339	...	1,339	38	...	Total ...	4	...	4	799	...	799	61	3,103
Total ...	2	2	4	567	1,339	1,806	66	2,179	Grand Total ...	87	...	87	33,061	...	33,061	2,000	476,169
Grand Total ..	57	27	86	19,915	13,263	33,207	2,020	432,463									

British Consulate-General, Bangkok, June 21, 1873.

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(No. 2.)—RETURN of British and Foreign Shipping at the Port of Bangkok during the Year 1872.

ENTERED.										CLEARED.											
Nationality of Vessels.	With Cargoes.			In Ballast.			Total.			Invoice Value of Cargoes.	Nationality of Vessels.	With Cargoes.			In Ballast.			Total.			Invoice Value of Cargoes.
	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.			Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	
British ...	69	19,915	1,588	27	13,262	432	86	33,207	2,020	£ 432,463	British ...	87	33,061	2,000	...	...	...	87	33,061	2,000	£ 476,169
American ...	2	1,005	...	...	1,216	...	4	2,281	...	972	American ...	...	1,924	...	...	...	...	3	1,924	...	19,795
Danish ...	5	591	...	3	715	...	5	1,306	...	2,576	Danish ...	6	1,595	...	...	...	...	6	1,595	...	13,609
Dutch ...	13	3,968	...	16	9,831	...	29	13,712	...	5,813	Dutch ...	29	13,933	...	...	...	...	29	13,933	...	113,844
French ...	18	3,482	...	14	5,813	...	32	7,295	...	12,706	French ...	22	8,122	...	...	...	...	22	8,122	...	95,714
North German ...	27	10,516	...	10	3,588	...	37	14,104	...	17,765	North German ...	33	12,337	...	...	...	...	33	12,337	...	117,445
Portuguese ...	1	360	...	...	...	...	1	360	...	350	Portuguese ...	1	360	...	...	...	...	1	360	...	2,813
Russian ...	...	...	...	1	340	...	1	340	...	...	Russian ...	1	340	...	...	...	...	1	340	...	2,633
Spanish ...	...	814	...	1	381	...	3	1,195	...	390	Spanish ...	129	50,874	...	...	...	...	129	50,874	...	535,059
Swedish ...	145	56,153	...	...	...	...	145	56,153	...	574,087	Swedish ...	3	1,195	...	...	...	...	3	1,195	...	11,362
Sweden and Norway ...	1	268	...	...	...	...	1	268	...	132	Sweden and Norway ...	2	508	...	...	...	...	2	508	...	4,792
Total ...	260	97,042	...	74	33,312	...	334	130,254	...	1,016,267	Total ...	316	124,238	316	124,238	...	1,383,769

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(No. 3.)—RETURN of Foreign Shipping engaged in the Direct and Indirect Trade at the Port of Bangkok during the Year 1872.

ENTERED.							CLEARED.							
Nationality of Vessels.	Direct Trade.		Indirect Trade.		Total.		Nationality of Vessels.	Direct Trade.		Indirect Trade.		Total.		
	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.		Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.	
American	4	2,251	4	2,251	American .. ..	..	..	3	1,924	3	1,924	
Danish	5	1,336	5	1,336	Danish .. ..	..	..	6	1,595	6	1,595	
Dutch	14	8,290	15	5,452	29	13,742	Dutch .. ..	..	6	1,327	23	12,606	
French	6	2,501	16	4,794	22	7,295	French .. ..	..	1	385	21	7,743	
North German	1	375	36	13,729	37	14,104	North German..	33	12,337	33	12,337
Portuguese	1	360	..	..	1	360	Portuguese .. ..	..	1	360	..	..
Russian	1	340	1	340	Russian .. ..	..	..	1	340	1	340	
Siamese	145	56,153	..	..	145	56,153	Siamese .. ..	..	129	50,874	..	..
Spanish	3	1,198	3	1,198	Spanish .. ..	..	..	3	1,198	3	1,198	
Sweden and Norway	1	268	1	268	Sweden and Norway	2	508	2	508	
Total	167	67,679	81	29,368	248	97,047	Total	137	52,946	92	38,251	
												229	91,197	

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MEMORANDUM of Articles Imported into the Port of Bangkok, Siam, during the Year 1872.
Furnished by S. Bateman, Esq., Commissioner of Customs.

	From Singapore.		From Hong Kong.		From China.		From Europe.		From Java.		From Coast.		Total.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
White shirting pieces	100,000	209,526	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,225	2,621	101,224	212,147
Grey ditto "	113,472	268,943	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	520	1,067	143,992	369,910
Figured ditto "	27,456	61,556	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27,456	61,556
Coloured piece goods "	45,118	67,061	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45,118	67,061
Turkey red cloths "	9,511	15,473	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,511	15,473
Long cloths "	11,297	40,185	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11,297	40,185
Linco "	3,156	11,411	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,156	11,411
Prints and chintz "	21,521	27,479	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21,521	27,479
Jaconet and muslin "	8,261	10,459	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,261	10,459
Madapolans "	20,304	32,450	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20,304	32,450
Cambrics "	21,217	22,125	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21,217	22,125
Miscellaneous piece goods "	107,727	61,118	17,453	10,713	6,100	3,212	...	...	450	220	3,246	1,893	132,078	80,486
Woolen goods "	2,368	21,677	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	320	...	...	2,388	21,997
Canvas bolts	977	6,938	...	...	...	...	275	1,400	...	...	...	...	1,232	7,338
Chowls corcos	55,262	53,444	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55,262	53,444
Red twist packages	487	44,323	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	1,065	498	45,388
White ditto "	697	55,225	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	1,778	713	57,003
Coloured twist "	353	21,977	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	353	21,977
Hardware "	278	10,774	914	19,506	306	6,708	1,193	21,261	13	227	...	...	2,729	68,479
Iron piculs	8,186	23,738	90	211	...	...	1,662	3,900	...	...	139	587	10,077	28,466
Steel kegs	1,163	3,254	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,163	3,254
Machinery packages	139	7,359	...	...	...	...	293	51,420	...	...	...	...	432	58,779
Glass ware cases	555	14,398	512	7,116	...	...	781	11,671	67	1,989	...	...	1,345	35,174
Crockery ware packages	48	1,560	3,871	33,806	2,935	12,101	114	3,317	...	...	...	...	6,968	60,637
Earthen ware "	60	462	5,117	36,517	2,411	11,527	25	327	4	170	...	...	6,717	49,033
Brass and copper ware "	79	5,200	1,693	112,731	144	8,605	82	2,520	3	185	8	244	2,600	133,975
Copper sheathing piculs	612	11,510	957	26,427	110	2,918	...	...	21	620	...	...	1,700	41,406
Jewellery parcels	81	57,669	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	81	57,669
Ship chandlery packages	730	18,453	156	2,545	...	...	776	25,214	...	...	...	...	1,662	46,212
Liquors cases, &c.	20,729	40,401	2,432	4,694	349	1,014	3,610	16,520	10,350	26,382	...	...	37,140	89,151
Fancy goods cases	469	24,312	633	26,970	105	5,152	189	12,317	40	991	119	11,434	1,435	85,156
Sundries packages	631	36,676	679	40,314	235	9,691	219	12,315	26	1,713	265	15,904	2,311	116,043
Gold thread cases	22	1,412	162	11,738	108	6,579	...	...	...	...	...	...	313	19,729
Silk ditto "	13	1,011	174	16,811	112	7,859	...	...	...	...	...	...	299	24,701
Cotton "	205	9,629	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	205	9,629
Silk piece goods pieces	2,404	14,555	37,464	225,500	1,577	9,207	...	...	...	...	...	...	41,719	216,352
Silk crapes "	13,436	124,745	13,436	124,745
Silk chowls "	16,997	62,810	16,999	62,810

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	From Singapore.		From Hong Kong		From China.		From Europe.		From Java.		From Coast.		Total.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		Dollars.		Dollars.		Dollars.		Dollars.		Dollars.		Dollars.		Dollars.
Opium chests	653	451,957	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	653	451,957
Coal... .. tons	1,258	9,059	...	...	...	...	1,823	15,850	...	...	...	...	3,081	24,909
Gumtree packages	91	2,905	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	91	2,905
Mats pieces	153,723	23,816	61,151	1,791	916,446	23,708	...	...	7,160	2,203	574,260	21,382	3,021,840	72,900
Mat bags	43,950	1,001	2,831,832	60,415	82,760	3,000	...	...	...	...	730,760	26,173	3,939,832	98,661
Fire crackers cases	228	2,705	2,915	22,666	60	776	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,333	26,147
Tea ... ..	...	...	367	2,683	9,956	46,503	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,323	48,868
Joss paper packages	...	...	3,837	21,666	682	2,294	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,519	23,960
Joss sticks boxes	71	241	7,015	20,956	1,077	2,666	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,143	23,664
Gold paper cases	...	...	271	4,408	159	2,821	...	...	...	...	...	...	430	7,292
Paper bales	118	3,076	4,678	19,170	791	5,477	...	...	26	981	...	...	5,616	25,633
Musquets cargoes	1,734	62,369	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,734	62,369
Guns ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	103	19,500	...	...	...	...	103	19,500
Medicine packages	370	6,188	1,610	26,636	93	1,917	...	...	...	...	60	982	2,633	35,733
Umbrellas	95	6,291	603	13,070	1,557	11,126	22	1,010	...	...	...	...	2,379	31,586
Salt garlic jars	...	...	186,363	33,833	6,336	1,690	...	...	...	...	...	...	192,704	35,523
Garlic packages	...	...	2,013	7,273	606	819	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,619	8,224
Gold leaf	4	12,650	95	213,605	6	2,150	...	...	...	...	11	15,650	116	248,355
Silver ware packages	...	...	71	29,272	3	3,683	...	...	...	...	...	...	74	32,955
Vermicelli	212	2,085	2,659	26,052	382	2,678	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,263	30,815
Tobacco cases	60	1,333	1,983	28,574	386	4,903	...	...	...	...	393	3,380	2,801	37,639
Flour bags, &c.	4,568	8,172	9,818	12,259	...	...	250	1,050	...	...	...	...	14,636	21,581
Fruit packages	268	1,389	1,824	7,031	260	2,360	...	...	33	256	...	...	1,875	11,636
Vegetables	108	1,829	1,298	12,599	158	1,612	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,471	16,040
Cloth boxes number	1,628	1,670	48,153	30,350	7,674	6,211	...	...	...	...	...	...	57,455	36,634
Tiles	122,900	862	175,641	23,573	257,600	4,877	...	...	162,800	2,008	...	...	1,738,941	31,620
Biscuits cases	247	8,206	...	...	...	...	160	3,424	...	...	...	...	407	11,630
Matches	1,362	32,321	80	2,805	...	...	116	2,805	...	...	...	...	1,557	40,931
Candles	6,359	19,326	...	...	46	1,216	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,359	19,326
Cutlery packages	153	7,427	253	7,765	...	...	11	680	...	...	...	...	463	17,119
Lead piculs	3,656	16,501	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,656	16,501
Tin ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lamp oil ... ..	...	22,413	309	2,221	160	1,905	...	...	455	3,166	...	...	3,141	95,535
Hotel suit	12,006	17,182	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	828	6,626
Paris goods packages	146	27,723	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,083	4,164
Molasses casks	926	1,350	1,510	23,974	866	3,381	...	...	...	...	...	...	146	27,723
Raw silk piculs	59	8,497	...	...	2	605	...	...	...	...	19	4,820	3,303	25,708
Mexican dollars dollars	191	421,112	4	12,000	...	...	...	...	6	6,060	...	...	203	430,181
Europe goods, via Singapore packages	1,887	148,889	1,887	148,889
Total	2,980,300	...	1,133,152	...	221,105	...	352,355	...	46,479	...	215,998	...	6,247,779

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RETURN of Exports from the Port of Bangkok, Siam, during the Year 1872.

Furnished by S. Bateman, Esq., Commissioner of Customs.

	For Hong Kong and China.		For Singapore.		For Europe, America, and Australia.		For Java.		For Coast.		Total.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Rice piculs	1,745,012	3,305,610	196,114	362,418	22,851	45,163	21,678	41,565	5,600	10,000	1,991,958	3,791,785
Paddy "	16,642	17,632	1,463	4,560	5,000	6,000	...	...	...	...	25,104	28,192
Sugar "	30,464	118,946	25,082	175,046	45,769	167,496	...	...	...	...	101,815	401,948
Sapanwood "	36,786	73,000	4,011	7,623	1,374	2,510	...	...	...	...	42,321	83,202
Pepper... .. "	12,068	140,768	6,489	75,050	369	3,720	...	...	...	...	18,797	219,568
Teelseed "	5,964	17,993	6,602	16,572	10,352	31,551	...	...	...	...	31,308	66,606
Peas "	6,917	21,845	13,467	32,916	...	...	...	...	...	...	20,414	51,701
Tin "	1,565	31,003	1,601	28,862	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,166	59,867
Mussels "	13,786	35,672	1,661	5,469	...	...	...	...	...	...	14,850	101,132
Hemp "	3,094	24,488	276	1,480	24	213	...	...	...	...	3,394	26,781
Ilides "	3,186	20,721	15,862	111,603	502	2,400	...	...	...	...	19,290	131,731
Horns "	195	1,559	2,900	17,400	395	2,774	...	...	...	...	2,890	21,738
Teak planks pieces	8,466	72,690	965	6,790	40	6,000	...	...	...	...	9,071	69,690
Teak timber logs	1,934	30,069	35	645	220	6,000	...	...	...	...	2,189	36,705
Rosewood piculs	49,782	25,567	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49,782	25,567
Clemed cotton "	2,023	31,303	...	...	10	135	...	...	...	...	2,011	31,438
Unclemed ditto "	1,075	5,875	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,075	5,875
Lakknhow seed "	1,469	2,264	1,462	1,843	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,962	4,107
Cardamums "	4,119	199,893	2,051	71,620	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,173	271,515
Gamboge "	62	3,046	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	260	14,466
Sticklac ... .. "	...	...	3,622	32,360	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,622	32,360
Turtle shell "	204	1,947	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	204	1,947
Ivory "	67	6,659	86	12,326	...	...	...	...	...	...	143	18,985
Lotus seed "	449	4,988	291	2,964	...	...	...	...	...	...	743	7,952
Bees' wax ... .. "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shark fins "	306	5,480	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	306	5,480
Ebony "	560	1,020	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	560	1,020
Bean cake "	5,675	686	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,675	686
Mangrove bark "	3,026	2,423	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,026	2,423
Salt ... .. "	...	...	6,019	2,500	...	...	1,600	220	1,004	102	8,646	2,922
Planchug "	486	5,030	5,943	27,713	...	...	691	3,270	...	...	7,123	33,013
Phaslit "	63	223	9,937	39,938	...	...	3,559	15,656	...	...	13,699	63,549
Salt meat "	491	2,266	165	803	656	8,603
Raw silk "	971	127,270	974	127,270
Garlics... .. "	102	420	162	420

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	For Hong Kong and China		Singapore		For Europe, America, and Australia.		For Java.		For Const.		Total.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Onions... .. piculs	...	Dollars.	1,914	Dollars.	...	Dollars.	...	Dollars.	...	Dollars.	1,914	Dollars.
Basil seed "	375	1,509	...	...	95	276	...	...	470	2,505
Iron pans pieces	2,411	1,650	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,411	1,650
Indigo... .. piculs	648	1,089	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	648	1,089
Takow... .. "	422	3,051	...	...	...	...	...	...	422	3,051
Gum benjamin "	336	20,006	...	...	...	...	...	...	336	20,006
Sundries packages	9,635	163,044	1,660	95,402	...	...	75	1,480	...	...	11,370	219,526
Saltfish (Plata) piculs	195,600	200,554	195,600	200,554
Mexican dollars dollars	351,090	351,090
Grand Total "	6,684,390

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