

Leeward Islands.—This group, comprising three independent States, named after their respective chief islands, Huahine, Raiatea, and Borabora, and each with a distinct national flag, continues to draw the most of its foreign supplies from the market of Tahiti, which takes from the Leeward Islands in return, cotton, copra, and other native products. These islands possess very good harbours. The entire population of the group amounts to from 4,500 to 5,000.

The following tables are appended to Consul Miller's report:—

British Shipping.—The subjoined table gives the total amount of British shipping that arrived in each of the last five years at the port of Papeete:—

Years.					Number of British Vessels entered.	Tons.	Crews.	Invoice Value of Cargoes.
								£
1875	...	...	...	...	27	5,349	253	30,800
1876	...	...	...	...	16	3,941	151	28,055
1877	...	...	...	...	14	2,472	133	26,020
1878	...	...	...	...	15	2,029	124	14,408
1879	...	...	...	...	15	1,941	148	18,850

British and Foreign Shipping and Coasters.—The following is a summary of the shipping of all countries (British shipping included) that came annually to the port of Papeete during the five years from 1875 to 1879:—

Years.		Ships engaged in the Foreign Trade.		Ships employed in the Coasting Trade of Tahiti and its Dependencies.		Total of Merchant Ships of all Nations that entered in each Year.	
		Vessels entered.	Tons.	Vessels entered.	Tons.	Number of Vessels.	Tons.
1875	...	169	24,838	131	6,175	300	31,013
1876	...	182	28,636	139	7,344	321	35,980
1877	...	155	22,931	125	5,467	280	28,398
1878	...	129	23,140	106	4,126	235	27,266
1879	...	144	18,438	94	4,871	238	23,309