

SUMMARY OF THE CASE.

The Royal Navy protects the Commerce of the entire Empire. The value of this commerce is £955,000,000

The Sea-borne Commerce of the United Kingdom is £625,000,000

The Sea-borne Commerce of the self-governing Colonies is £146,000,000

Thus it will be seen that Colonial commerce forms ONE-SEVENTH of the total trade of the Empire.

For the Naval protection of the trade of the Empire there is paid an annual sum of £20,220,000

Of the above total, the United Kingdom pays £20,000,000

Self-governing Colonies in North America, Australasia, and South Africa, pay £220,000

Thus it will be seen that the Colonies, which possess ONE-SEVENTH of the trade, contribute ONE-NINETIETH only of the cost of protecting the trade. EIGHTY-NINE NINETIETHS are contributed by the taxpayers of the United Kingdom.

The following table shows the revenue and population of the United Kingdom and the self-governing Colonies respectively :—

	REVENUE.	POPULATION.
United Kingdom... ..	£91,000,000	38,000,000
Self-governing Colonies	£43,000,000	11,000,000

It will thus be seen that though the Colonies contribute only ONE-NINETIETH part of the cost of the Naval Defence of the Empire, their population is more than A QUARTER of that of the United Kingdom, and that their revenue is NEARLY HALF that of the United Kingdom.