

## SUMMARY OF THE CASE.

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The Royal Navy protects the Commerce of  
the entire Empire. The value of  
this commerce is ... .. £970,000,000.

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The Commerce of the United Kingdom is £696,000,000  
The Commerce of the self-governing  
Colonies is ... .. £143,000,000  
Thus it will be seen that Colonial commerce forms ONE-  
SEVENTH of the total trade of the Empire.

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For the Naval protection of the trade of  
the Empire there is paid an annual  
sum of ... .. £18,200,000  
Of the above total the United Kingdom  
pays ... .. £18,000,000  
Self-governing Colonies in North America,  
Australasia, and South Africa, pay £200,000

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.

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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 Colo- nies ... ..	£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.