

And it contains an accurate abstract of the number of vessels, which appears from the registers of shipping to have been cleared from each respective island, during a year of great export, distinguishing the British from American built shipping :

Islands.	Brit. ships.	Am. ships.	Brit. tons.	Am. tons.
Jamaica	145	136	26,906	15,847
Barbadoes	- 47	- 13	- 6,546	- 1,172
St. Kitt's	- 35	- 20	- 6,494	- 2,310
Antigua	- 28	- 22	- 4,073	- 2,290
St. Vincent's	25	9	3,042	1,100
Tobago	- 6	- 3	- 615	- 320
Montserrat	- 10	- 9	- 1,437	- 1,043
Nevis	- - 18	- - 0	- - 2,851	- -
Grenades	- 51	- 49	- 7,717	- 5,942
Dominica	- 32	- 21	- 3,933	- 2,433
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British	- 397	- - -	63,614.	
American	- 282	- - -	32,457.	
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Tot. in 1772,	- 679	- - -	96,071	
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From this detail, which is only instructive in proportion to its accuracy, and which to be able thus

of uncustomed goods are doubtless liable to much imposition, and are consequently obnoxious to much objection, as proofs. The entries of the number of ships, which clear in any port in any year, contain as much certainty as generally is found in human affairs. Every vessel, which any where loads and all the vessels which loaded in the West-India islands, during any given year, must have necessarily cleared, and every vessel