

Value of exports to the United States,
notwithstanding the war with that
country 25,864 19 4

Import of tobacco brought in the
—year before

1,000	£	s.	d.
	24,864	19	4

Making the sum of

£ 99,860 5 *

Sterling more of exports than imports, which was about one fifth of the value of the imports for the two provinces and the adjoining States.

The total amount of outfits in 1812, for the returns of 1813, I shall compute at

£ 150,000 0 0

From which deduct value of exports

from England £ 27,000

And from the States

1,000

	28,000	0	0

Leaves the sum of

£ 122,000 0 *

Expended in this and the Upper province, for articles required for that trade, transportation, provisions, liquors, (high wines) clerks, salaries, &c.

Another injury that the country has sustained is the dependence that we are now phased (in) for these articles, which are so essentially necessary for our winter-comfort, on England, and the United States, to the amount of nearly £15,000.

Can it be said from this exposé, that such an important part of our exports could be of no consequence, as it was in the hands of an opponent company? but will you not admit that £99,000, and more, which the individuals had to draw from England to meet the expenses required and expended in this country, was not a help to others in different branches of trade? Besides this, will it not be admitted, that the persons concerned in the present furtrade can have no wish to see this province improve, but the contrary? It is evident that as long as the Lower province remains in a state of wilderness, the better will be that trade; the wild animals will never come near an habitation; and from this I must infer in part, the opposition that our house of Assembly has (have) met in all her (their) proposed improvements. I can not, and will not, believe, that it was the intention of government to unite the provinces, but that it was the intention of self-interested men. I have no doubt that Lord Londonderry's expression, "that the government had no interest (concern) in the proposed measure, is evident proof of it. I would now ask the movers of this union-bill, will you

* There are numerical errors in the original here, which I have corrected.