

The trade and produce of this island do not amount to the tenth part of what they might yield were they in the hands of industrious people, governed by just and equitable laws, and the property so secured as that their children should enjoy the fruits of their ingenuity and labour.

I intended to give you a particular account of the import and export of the island, at a medium of three years, with a view of the yearly produce, and for this purpose made application to some of the custom-house people, who could not afford me the satisfaction I desired: however, I have reason to think that what follows is pretty exact; because it comes from those who have the best opportunity of knowing every particular. And indeed it is scarce worth while to know more than that the island annually produces from 30,000 to 40,000 okes of silk, amounting to about 110,000 lbs. English weight, each oke weighing about 2½ lbs. 3,000 quintals of cotton, of 180 okes each, which we shall call 750 tons; and about 500 quintals, or 125 tons of sheep's wool: about double the quantity of the dying drug which they call *alizari*, and we term madder, unmanufactured: of the brown fossil, called by us *umber*, and by them *petra tou Troullous*, which is used as a ground paint, there is an inexhaustible store in the mountains, and about 500 tons may be yearly exported: of the carob bean or *Keratia*, 500 quintals or 125 tons are exported to Damietta and Alexandria, whence it is carried to Grand Cairo, and almost every part of *Ægypt*. All the other merchandizes go to different parts of Europe; viz. Britain, France, Holland and Venice; what goes to other places is inconsiderable. They likewise export wine to the amount of 365,000 *couzai*, or 973,333 gallons, a *couza* being equal to 2½ gallons: the greater part of this article is carried to Venice, for the wines of the countries around that city are very bad, and this can be brewed to advantage.

The whole of the wine harvest or vintage may be reckoned at 800,000 *couzai*, or 2,131,131 gallons, equal to 33,862 hogsheads; as the worst vintage, barring accidents, yields about 750,000 *couzai*, and the best never produces more than 900,000; so that making the computation at one fourth of a piastre per *couza* to the farmer-proprietor, the value of the vintage will amount to P. 200,000, or £25,000 per annum: yet, properly speaking, it yields a great deal more to the island, because the longer the wine is kept upon the gross lees the more valuable it becomes; inasmuch that, although I fix it at the rate of P. ¼ per *couza*, yet immense quantities are sold for double that price, and even for P. 3 per *couza*.

The inhabitants moreover export considerable quantities of hams, bacon, goat-milk cheese, biscuits, vermicelli, macaroni &c. which it is impossible to ascertain.

Estimate of the export from Cyprus.

865,000 <i>couzai</i>	of wine	at P. 1½ per <i>couza</i>	P. 547,500
40,000 okes	„ silk	„ „ 7 „ oke	„ 280,000
3,000 quintals	„ cotton	„ „ 25 „ quintal	„ 225,030
1,000 „	„ madder	„ „ 50 „ „	„ 50,000
500 „	„ sheep's wool	„ „ 23 „ „	„ 11,500
500 „	„ carobs	„ „ 2½ „ „	„ 1,250
500 tons	„ Terra umbra	„ 1 „ ton	„ 500
		£139,468. 15. 0.	P. 1,115,750

By the laws all goods ought to pay an import of 3 per centum ad valorem, when imported or exported: so that the duties of the above mentioned commodities should amount to P. 33,372; yet I am well informed that the whole of the customs, free of the charges of