

The following table shows the total cost and the cost per \$100 of collecting the Customs revenue in each year since 1868. The revenue columns represent the amount accrued in each year :—

COST OF COLLECTING CUSTOMS REVENUE, 1868 TO 1896.

YEAR.	*Customs Revenue.	CHARGES OF COLLECTION.	
		Total.	Per \$100 collected.
	\$	\$	\$ cts.
1868	8,819,432	477,504	5 41
1869	8,298,910	496,050	5 93
1870	9,462,940	505,109	5 34
1871	11,843,656	500,441	4 23
1872	13,045,493	528,736	4 05
1873	13,017,730	567,765	4 35
1874	14,421,883	727,629	5 04
1875	15,361,382	682,674	4 44
1876	12,833,114	721,009	5 62
1877	12,548,451	721,605	5 75
1878	13,795,693	714,528	5 58
1879	12,939,541	719,711	5 56
1880	14,138,849	716,126	5 06
1881	18,500,786	717,704	3 88
1882	21,708,837	723,914	3 33
1883	23,172,309	757,246	3 27
1884	20,164,963	798,838	3 96
1885	19,133,559	791,538	4 14
1886	19,448,124	798,478	4 10
1887	22,469,706	819,132	3 64
1888	22,209,642	848,984	3 81
1889	23,784,523	862,486	3 62
1890	24,014,908	871,765	3 62
1891	23,481,069	898,731	3 82
1892	20,550,582	902,820	4 39
1893	21,161,711	899,411	4 25
1894	19,379,822	921,039	4 75
1895	17,887,269	917,632	5 13
1896	20,219,137	896,332	4 43

*Export duty included.