

following Case will illustrate some of the
Advantages of this route - Fifty two last
year - 60 in 1865 - 1866 - 1867 - 1868 - 1869 - 1870 -

three Islands having been very heavy -

The following table shows the total amount
of British Vessels that have entered, and
cleared, during the last six years -

Years -	Entered -	Cleared -
1860. ---	135. ---	126. ---
1861. ---	94. ---	88. ---
1862. ---	104. ---	97. ---
1863. ---	129. ---	119. ---
1864. ---	148. ---	141. ---
1865. ---	207. ---	175. ---

The augmentation in number in the last
three years has been owing to the "Whitewashed"
vessels, i.e. American ships which, by an
evasion of the Mercantile Marine Act,
were transferred to nominal British
Owners, and put under our flag during
the progress of the War - A few months
since I was notified that one of these
Vessels was to be replaced under the
American flag - On enquiring at the
Custom House how it would be done I
learned that it was based on a Case which
occurred a great many years ago, but
having, in my judgement, no analogy
whatever to the present one. Although
the nominal British Owner had in his
Declaration affirmed that no one but
himself or his agent had had
any interest, legal or beneficial, in the
said ship, yet the Applicant made an
Affidavit in the Custom House here that
the vessel had been at any time owned
by the property of American Citizens,
thus charging the British Declaration
with having made a false statement,
and on this Affidavit the Collector
decided that an American Register