When Britain Turned Inward: The Impact of Interwar British Protection

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Online Appendix

1 Data Construction and Commodity Classification

The data collection process initially involved collecting information on the 847 individual items falling within 38 3-digit SITC categories over the period 1924–38. However, a number of series which existed in the first year of the sample were discontinued or reclassified in subsequent years. Likewise new categories were created over time, as imports of particular products were reported in a more disaggregated fashion. Consequently not all series were consistently observed over the entire sample period.

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Our aim was to create the most disaggregated dataset possible, given the changing classifications in the data. This required tracking these changing classifications over time, and figuring out the minimum level of aggregation required to produce series for categories of goods that were consistently defined over time. This had to be done "manually" rather than algorithmically, in the sense that the classifications in every year had to be read by us, and decisions about aggregation made on that basis.

For example, one of our 258 goods is "Beef", which is a fairly broad category. Imports of different types of beef were reported over the course of the fifteen years in our sample. For example, frozen beef tongues were included in a separate category ("...Beef, Frozen, Tongues") during 1935–1938, and we would have preferred to work with this as a separate category in our analysis. However, this was not possible, since from 1924–1934 frozen beef tongues were included in a broader category, "Meat. Meat of All Kinds (excluding Poultry and Game), Beef, Other Descriptions (incl. Tongues, Hearts, Livers, Kidneys, etc.), Frozen". The same was true for other subcategories of beef. We therefore had to aggregate the imports of all beef items from each country in each year, creating a new goods classification "Meat. Meat of All Kinds (excluding Poultry and Game), Beef". Imports of this expanded category could be consistently measured over time, whereas imports of frozen beef tongues could not be.

We went through a similar procedure for each of the 847 items in our sample. 35 of these had to be omitted from the analysis because we were unable to assign them to any aggregated series, or because no tariff information was available for them, or because they were not imported from any of the 42 countries in our sample. This left us with 812 items, and the figures in what follows refer to the resulting 812-item sample. For some items no aggregation was necessary as the items were consistently reported across the sample period at the 847-level (for example "Grain, Wheat"). For other series the fact that the classification changed regularly meant that the only way to ensure a consistent series was to aggregate a large number of items. For example the 62 individual items in the trade statistics covering silk and artificial silk manufactures over the sample period had to be aggregated into one series, "Silk and Artificial Silk Textiles" (good 214 in our dataset). Since we were aggregating import values rather than quantities, there was no problem regarding different units. Finally, to generate a tariff rate for each of our 258 goods we calculated an unweighted average of the tariff rates of each of the constituent series.

Table 4: Top Goods in Sample, 1924-38

	1924		1928		1932		1935		1938	
	258 good	Mill. £	258 good	Mill. £	258 good	Mill. £	258 good	Mill. £	258 good	44.1
	category		category		category		category		category	
Н	Cotton. Raw	108.8	Cotton. Raw	8.79	Butter	37.4	Butter	35.5	Butter	39.4
	(except		(except							
	linters)		linters)							
2	Wheat	9.89	Wheat	57.4	Wheat	32.4	Wool. Raw.	34	Wool. Raw.	38.6
							sheep's and		sheep's and	
							lambs' wool		lambs' wool	
က	Wool. Raw.	66.2	Wool. Raw.	56.5	Wool. Raw.	31.5	Cotton. Raw	30.3	Wheat	27.4
	sheep's and		sheep's and		sheep's and		(except			
	lambs' wool		lambs' wool		lambs' wool		linters)			
4	Butter	43.7	Butter	44.7	Meat. Bacon	28	Wheat	29.9	Meat. Bacon	24.5
ಬ	Meat. Bacon	34.1	Meat. Bacon	8.98	Cotton. Raw	25.9	Meat. Bacon	24.9	Oils. refined.	22.4
					(except				Petroleum.	
					linters)				Motor spirit	
9	Tea	29.7	Meat. Beef	8.82	Meat. Beef	21.3	Oils. refined.	18	Cotton. Raw	22.2
							Petroleum.		(except	
							Motor spirit		linters)	
7	Meat. Beef	25.5	Tea	24.7	Oils. refined.	15.6	Meat. Beef	17.4	Meat. Beef	20.6
					Petroleum.					
					Motor spirit					
∞	Silk and	21.1	Oils. refined.	18.2	Tea	15.4	Tea	16.7	Tobacco. un-	18.9
	artificial silk		Petroleum.						manufactured,	
	textiles		Motor spirit						total of	
6	Oils. refined.	17.8	Silk and	16.2	Meat, Lamb,	12.1	Tobacco. un-	15.1	Tea	17.1
	Petroleum.		artificial silk		Frozen		manufactured,			
	Motor spirit		textiles				total of			
10	Sugar.	16.9	Sugar.	14.4	Maize	11.1	Maize	14.2	Maize	17.1
	Unrefined.		Unrefined.							
	Cane and		Cane and							
	other sorts		other sorts							
Total		7.769		611.0		347.6		368.5		453.2
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Table 4 lists the top 10 goods by import value in 1924, 1928, 1932, 1935, and 1938. As can be seen, the lists are dominated by raw materials (raw cotton and wool), food (wheat, butter, and meat), and goods subject to high revenue duties (tea, tobacco, sugar, petroleum, and silk).

Each of our 258 goods g falls into one of the 38 SITC categories s which we started with when constructing the dataset. We are using the original Standard International Trade Classification, based on Statistical Office of the United Nations (1951; 1953), since this is more appropriate for this period than more recent revisions. On average, there are 6.8 goods per SITC category, but the range is relatively wide. For example, the aforementioned "Meat. Beef' series is included with 12 other goods in SITC 011, "Meat, chilled, fresh or frozen". The good "Grain, Wheat" is the only good in SITC 041 "Wheat and spelt (including meslin), unmilled". And the good "Silk and Artificial Silk Textiles" forms part of SITC 653 "Textile fabrics of standard type (not including narrow and special fabrics), other than cotton fabrics" together with 12 other goods, i.e. different textile fabrics of wool, linen, jute, etc. Of the 38 3-digit SITC categories in our dataset, 11 only contain one good, 13 contain between 2 and 6 goods, 10 between 7 and 15, and 4 contain more than 15 goods. The SITC category with the greatest number of goods (37) is SITC 716, "Mining, construction and other industrial machinery", followed by SITC 412 "Vegetable oils" (18). Table 5 lists the top 10 3-digit SITC categories in our sample by import value.¹

Out of these 38 SITC groups we construct 9 narrow categories, which are used when estimating the σ_h 's. 'Grain' includes barley, maize, wheat and rice (SITC categories 041–044); 'Animal' includes butter, eggs and meat (SITC categories 011, 012, 023, and 025); 'Machinery' includes SITC categories 711, 712, 714-716, and 721; 'Minerals' includes metals, coal and petroleum (SITC categories 311–313, 681, and 682); 'Textiles' includes both yarn and cloth (SITC codes 651–653); 'Miscellaneous inputs' includes such items as fertilis-

¹Item 673, "Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Not elsewhere specified, salted", is grouped together with other "Meat, n.e.s." items in good 143. Contrary to the other items included in this good, it is part of SITC 012, since it is "salted", and not "fresh, chilled or frozen" (SITC 011). The overall good (143) is treated by us as being part of SITC 011, since the majority of items included in the good are indeed "fresh, chilled or frozen". This is the only instance in our dataset where a good contains items from different SITC 3-digit categories. We preferred to retain the data instead of dropping the items in good 143 from the dataset. The SITC classification only matters for the results reported in Appendix 7 involving SITC times country times year fixed effects.

Table 5: Top 3-digit SITC Categories in Sample, 1924-38

	7001		9001		00001		1000		000	
	1924		1928		1997		1990		1938	
	3-digit SITC category	Mill. £	3-digit SITC category	Mill. £	3-digit SITC	Mill. £	3-digit SITC	Mill. £	3-digit SITC	Mill. £
					category		category		category	
	Cotton raw & linters (231)	109.8	Cotton raw & linters (231)	69.4	Meat: fresh,	40.8	Meat: fresh, chilled	39.5	Meat: fresh,	47.8
					chilled or frozen		or frozen (011)		chilled or frozen	
					(011)				(011)	
2	Wool & other animal hair (262)	72.7	Wool & other animal hair (262)	61.9	Butter (023)	37.4	Wool & other	35.6	Butter (023)	44.1
							animal hair (262)			
က	Wheat & spelt (including meslin),	9.89	Wheat & spelt (including meslin),	57.4	Wool & other	33.1	Butter (023)	35.5	Wool & other	41.4
	unmilled (041)		unmilled (041)		animal hair				animal hair	
					(262)				(262)	
4	Meat: fresh, chilled or frozen	51.7	Meat: fresh, chilled or frozen	51	Wheat & spelt	32.4	Cotton raw &	31.6	Petroleum	40.9
	(011)		(011)		(including		linters (231)		products (313)	
					meslin),					
					unmilled (041)					
rO	Butter (023)	43.7	Butter (023)	44.7	Meat: dried,	30.7	Petroleum products	30.3	Wheat & spelt	38.6
					salted, smoked		(313)		(including	
					or cooked, not				meslin),	
					canned (012)				unmilled (041)	
9	Meat: dried, salted, smoked or	41.9	Meat: dried, salted, smoked or	41.4	Petroleum	28.5	Wheat & spelt	29.9	Meat: dried,	30.4
	cooked, not canned (012)		cooked, not canned (012)		products (313)		(including meslin),		salted, smoked	
							unmilled (041)		or cooked, not	
									canned (012)	
7	Petroleum products (313)	35.6	Petroleum products (313)	35.1	Cotton raw &	26.8	Meat: dried, salted,	27.9	Cotton raw &	23.6
					linters (231)		smoked or cooked,		linters (231)	
							not canned (012)			
∞	Sugar (061)	35.5	Textile fabrics of standard type	25.2	Tea & maté	15.4	Tea & maté (074)	16.7	Tobacco	20.6
			(not including narrow and special		(074)				unmanufactured	
			fabrics), other than cotton fabrics (653)						(121)	
6	Tea & maté (074)	29.7	Tea & maté (074)	24.7	Maize (corn),	11.1	Торассо	15.1	Tea & maté	18.9
					unmilled (044)		unmanufactured (121)		(074)	
10	Textile fabrics of standard type	28.7	Sugar (061)	19.7	Sugar (061)	6.6	Maize (corn),	12.1	Maize (corn),	17.1
	(not including narrow and special						unmilled (044)		unmilled (044)	
	fabrics), other than cotton fabrics									
	(653)									
Total		7.769		611.0		347.6		368.5		453.2
Source:	ce: See text.									

Table 6: Percentage of Total Imports by Broad Category

	Agriculture	Manufactures	Raw materials	Revenue goods
		In o	ur sample	
1924	35.9	13.6	32.8	17.7
1925	35.9	14.7	34.1	15.4
1926	34.5	14.5	35.0	16.0
1927	37.3	17.1	28.3	17.3
		In the official	al trade statistics	
1924	35.4	20.8	30.9	13.0
1925	34.6	21.8	31.7	11.9
1926	34.3	22.1	31.2	12.5
$\frac{1927}{7}$	34.8	23.6	28.2	13.3

ers, rubber, hides and skins, raw cotton and silk, and hair (SITC codes 211, 231, 261–263, 271, and 561); 'Miscellaneous industry' includes vehicles and rubber manufactures, including tyres (SITC codes 629, 713, and 732); 'Food oils' includes oils and oilseeds of various kinds (SITC codes 221 and 412); and 'Colonial' includes coffee, sugar, tea and tobacco (SITC categories 061, 071, 074, and 121). The maximum number of goods g per narrow category is 74 (for machinery, including the 37 goods from SITC 716), while the minimum is 4 for grain (just barley, maize, rice and the aforementioned wheat). Full details of the classification of each item in our sample can be found in the 87-page-long Appendix Table 15, available at https://cepr.org/content/trade-depression/uk-interwar-trade-data (see the end of this section for an extract from this table and a description of its contents).

In order to compare our sample with the (aggregate) official trade statistics, as in Table 6, we needed to provide definitions for these four broad categories that applied to the aggregate trade statistics as well as to our sample. We did so as follows:

• Agricultural: defined as SITC 0–1 (incl. alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages and tobacco), but some items were subsequently classified as "revenue imports" and classified separately (see below). For practical reasons we also included living animals not used for food (SITC category 921), which in the British case mainly means bees (but none of these were in our sample).

- Raw materials: SITC 2-4.
- Manufactures: SITC 5–8.
- We defined the following items as revenue goods, including tropical foodstuffs (often subject to revenue duties)(commodities in italics are part of our sample):
 - Tapioca, arrowroot, sago, and the like (duty-free in 1924)
 - Cotton seed cake and meal (duty-free in 1924)
 - Seeds, feeding: Dari or Durra, Dhol or Pigeon Pea, Gram or chick;
 Millet (duty-free in 1924)
 - Fruits and nuts: Bananas, Brazil nuts, Pineapples (duty-free in 1924)
 - Spices (cinnamon, ginger, pepper, cloves, other) (duty-free in 1924)
 - Cocoa (raw, husks and shells, butter), as well as Cocoa preparations: bars and blocks, confectionary, etc. (dutiable in 1924)
 - Coffee (all sorts, also prepared and mixed with chicory) (dutiable in 1924)
 - Rum (dutiable in 1924)
 - Sugar, unrefined (this includes beetroot sugar), refined, molasses (all dutiable in 1924) as well as Glucose, Saccharin, Caramel (dutiable in 1924)
 - Chutney (dutiable in 1924)
 - Coconuts, sugared (dutiable in 1924)
 - Fruit, preserved in sugar: Pineapples (dutiable in 1924)
 - Ginger, preserved in sugar or syrup (dutiable in 1924)
 - Tea (dutiable in 1924) and Tea for the manufacture of caffeine (dutiable in 1924)
 - Tobacco, unmanufactured (dutiable in 1924) and tobacco, manufactured (dutiable in 1924)
 - Sugar, articles containing, not for use as food. (duty-free in 1924)
 - Petroleum (lamp oil, motor spirit, lubricating oil, gas oil, fuel oil, etc); lubricating oils, mixed, n.e.s (dutiable from 1928)

- Crude petroleum (dutiable from 1928 only)
- Raw silk under different names (changing in 1925): Silk raw, knubs, noils and waste; Silk cocoons and waste of all kinds (undischarged, wholly or partly discharged; noils); Silk raw, discharged, wholly or in part discharged. (all dutiable from 1 July 1925)

Imitation rum and other alcoholic beverages (brandy, etc.) were not classified as revenue imports, but are not in our dataset anyway.

Another problem is that the SITC classification was not in use at the time. Fortunately, the British classification is quite similar to the original SITC we are using. The broad group I (Food drink and tobacco) corresponds to SITC 0+1; II (Raw materials and articles mainly unmanufactured) matches SITC 2-4 and III matches SITC 5-8 (Manufactures). Category IV, animals, not for food, includes items (breeding animals) that SITC groups under 0, and some other animals (bees, elephants, etc.) that fall under SITC 9. We include these in food for our purpose, but the overall amount is very small and as mentioned earlier they are not in our sample. We ignore item V (Parcel post) since its composition is unknown; this would fall under SITC category 911. Small values of platinum and gold leaves are included in the British statistics under III.D (non-ferrous metals and manufactures thereof), and should probably be excluded as per SITC, but we have not taken them out. Deviations between SITC and British classification led to the following regrouping: 1. From I.E (food) into SITC 412 (raw materials): vegetable oils, other than essential, refined, edible (coconut oil, cottonseed oil, ground nut oil, olive oil, palm oil, palm kernel oil, other sorts, n.e.s); 2. From II.N (raw materials) to SITC 074 (food): tea for the manufacture of caffeine; 3. From III.A. (manufactures) to SITC 311 (raw materials): coke, manufactured fuel; 4. From III.N. (manufactures) to SITC 292 (raw materials): ipecacauanha, other roots, chinchona bark, nux vomica, aloes, ergot of rye, opium, senna, etc.; 5. From III.T (manufactures) to SITC 271 (raw materials): guano, manufactured, and compound manufactures (including bonemeal, etc.); 6. From III.T (manufactures) to SITC 061 (food): sugar, articles containing, not for use as food; 7. From IV.T (Animals, not for food) to SITC 001–09 (food): breeding animals (bulls, cows and heifers, calves, sheep and lambs, swine); horses; others (bees, etc. the latter should officially be under 921, but their total amount is negligible). Unclear, but left in food: 8. I.E oleomargarine and oleo-oil, and refined tallow (premier jus et al.). Margarine is in 091–01 (food); oleo-oil and premier jus would be in 411–02 (raw materials).

Below we give an extract from Appendix Table 15, which lays out the structure of the data as originally collected, and details how it was aggregated. We take the example of the 3-digit SITC category 011, "meat, fresh, chilled, or frozen" which was mentioned above. In the first column we list the individual items as they were reported in the trade statistics (i.e. at the 847 level of disaggregation), such as the item discussed above, 656, "Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Beef, Frozen. Tongues". The numerical ID 656 is the one used for this item in our original dataset, appendix_data_847, available on the website https://cepr.org/content/tradedepression/uk-interwar-trade-data as both a .csv and Stata file (and reproduced in Appendix Table 15). The second column lists the name of the item as reported in the trade statistics. The third and fourth columns show two numerical ID's for the good g to which the item in question belongs, in this instance "Meat. Beef" (given in the fifth column). There are 258 of these goods. The third column simply lists the goods in numerical order, while the fourth column gives the numerical ID used in the dataset available on our website (in this instance 138). The sixth column lists the 3-digit SITC code s to which the item and good in question belong (in this case 011). The seventh column lists the narrow category h to which the item, good, and SITC code belong (in this case 2, animal: the narrow categories are listed from 1–9 in the same order as they appear in the regression tables, e.g. Table 2). Finally, the eighth column lists which of the four broad categories the item, good, and SITC code belong to, in this instance AGR (agriculture).

Item ID	Full Name Item	Good Running No.	Good Dataset ID	Good	SITC 3-digit	narrow category	broad category
664	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Lamb, Frozen	14	136	Meat, Lamb, Frozen	011	2	AGR
648	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Beef, Boned, incl. Cheeks and Skirts, Frozen	15	138	Meat. Beef	011	2	AGR
649	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Beef, Chilled	15	138	Meat. Beef	011	2	AGR
650	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Beef, Chilled. Fore Quarters (including cuts with bone)	15	138	Meat. Beef	011	2	AGR
651	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Beef, Chilled. Hind Quarters (including cuts with bone)	15	138	Meat. Beef	011	2	AGR
652	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Beef, Chilled. Other	15	138	Meat. Beef	011	2	AGR
653	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Beef, Fresh	15	138	Meat. Beef	011	2	AGR
654	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Beef, Frozen. Fore Quarters (including cuts with bone)	15	138	Meat. Beef	011	2	AGR
655	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Beef, Frozen. Hind Quarters (including cuts with bone)	15	138	Meat. Beef	011	2	AGR
656	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Beef, Frozen. Tongues	15	138	Meat. Beef	011	2	AGR
657	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Beef, In quarters and Sides, Chilled	15	138	Meat. Beef	011	2	AGR
658	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Beef, In quarters and Sides, Fresh	15	138	Meat. Beef	011	2	AGR
659	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Beef, In quarters and Sides, Frozen	15	138	Meat. Beef	011	2	AGR
660	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Beef, Other Descriptions (incl. Tongues, Hearts, Livers, Kidneys, etc.), Fresh	15	138	Meat. Beef	011	2	AGR
661	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Beef, Other Descriptions (incl. Tongues, Hearts, Livers, Kidneys, etc.), Frozen	15	138	Meat. Beef	011	2	AGR
663	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Lamb, Fresh	16	140	Meat. Lamb. Fresh	011	2	AGR
665	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Lamb, Other Descriptions (Tongues, Hearts, Livers, Kidneys, etc.)	17	141	Meat. Lamb. Other	011	2	AGR

666	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Mutton, Fresh	18	142	Meat. Mutton	011	2	AGR
667	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Mutton, Frozen	18	142	Meat. Mutton	011	2	AGR
668	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Mutton, Other (Including Tongues, Hearts, Livers, Kidneys, etc.) either fresh or preserved, other than tinned, canned etc.	18	142	Meat. Mutton	011	2	AGR
669	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Mutton, Other Descriptions (Tongues, Hearts, Livers, Kidneys, etc.)	18	142	Meat. Mutton	011	2	AGR
670	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Not elsewhere specified, fresh	19	143	Meat. n.e.s	011	2	AGR
671	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Not elsewhere specified, frozen	19	143	Meat. n.e.s	011	2	AGR
672	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Not elsewhere specified, Other Descriptions (incl. Hearts, Livers, Kidneys, etc.)	19	143	Meat. n.e.s	011	2	AGR
673	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Not elsewhere specified, salted	19	143	Meat. n.e.s	012	2	AGR
674	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Not elsewhere Specified. All other Sorts (not tinned or canned)	19	143	Meat. n.e.s	011	2	AGR
677	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Pork, Fresh	20	144	Meat. Pork. Fresh	011	2	AGR
678	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Pork, Frozen	21	145	Meat. Pork. Frozen	011	2	AGR
679	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Pork, Other Descriptions (incl. Hearts, Livers, Kidneys, etc.)	22	146	Meat. Pork. Other	011	2	AGR
647	Meat. Game. Dead	23	147	Meat. Poultry and Game	011	2	AGR
688	Meat. Poultry and Game. Poultry. Dead. Chickens	23	147	Meat. Poultry and Game	011	2	AGR
689	Meat. Poultry and Game. Poultry. Dead. Fresh, Chilled or Frozen Other (including Guinea Fowl)	23	147	Meat. Poultry and Game	011	2	AGR
690	Meat. Poultry and Game. Poultry. Dead. Fresh, Chilled or Frozen. Ducks and Geese.	23	147	Meat. Poultry and Game	011	2	AGR
691	Meat. Poultry and Game. Poultry. Dead. Other	23	147	Meat. Poultry and Game	011	2	AGR
693	Meat. Poultry and Game. Poultry. Dead. Turkeys	23	147	Meat. Poultry and Game	011	2	AGR
694	Meat. Poultry. Dead	23	147	Meat. Poultry and Game	011	2	AGR
681	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Rabbits, Fresh	24	148	Meat. Rabbits. Fresh	011	2	AGR

682	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Rabbits,	25	149	Meat. Rabbits. Frozen	011	2	AGR
	Frozen						
683	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Veal, Boned and boneless, either fresh or preserved, other than tinned, canned, &c.	26	152	Meat. Veal	011	2	AGR
684	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Veal, Fresh	26	152	Meat. Veal	011	2	AGR
685	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Veal, Frozen	26	152	Meat. Veal	011	2	AGR
686	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Veal, Other (boned and boneless meat, tongues, hearts, livers, kidneys &c) either fresh or preserved, other than tinned, canned, &c.	26	152	Meat. Veal	011	2	AGR
687	Meat. Meat of All Kinds (exc Poultry and Game), Veal, Other (tongues, Hearts, Livers and Kidneys) either fresh or preserved, other than tinned, canned, &c.	26	152	Meat. Veal	011	2	AGR

Table 7: Summary Statistics

Variable	No. of observations	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
Imports	162,540	47262.43	700788.2	0	71691910
Tariff rate	162,540	11.2	48.2	0	895.249
Quota	162,540	0.007	0.084	0	1
Embargo	162,540	0.003	0.054	0	1
VER	162,540	0.001	0.033	0	1
Treaty	162,540	0.062	0.241	0	1
Quota*treaty	162,540	0.000	0.017	0	1
Italian sanctions	162,540	0.002	0.040	0	1
Cartel	162,540	0.042	0.200	0	1
GDP	150,414	1452.5	3110.5	9.9	22750.1
Log(GDP)	150,414	6.270	1.421	2.288	10.032
Log(exchange rate)	162,540	-0.060	0.335	-2.332	1.194

2 Summary Statistics

Table 7 lists summary statistics for all variables used in the econometric analysis.

3 List of Countries Used in the Analysis

The table below provides a list of the 42 countries used in our analysis, and indicates how they were described in the original sources. In some cases we had to type in data for several regions to calculate the data for one country. In the case of Spain, we summed over the Canary Isles and Spain; in the case of Malaysia, we summed over British Borneo, the Malay States, the Straits Settlements, and (if reported as such) the British East Indies; and in the case of the Dutch East Indies we summed over Dutch Borneo, Dutch New Guinea, Java, and other Dutch possessions in the Indian Seas.

Countries in	As described in original sources
dataset	
Algeria	Algeria
Argentine	Argentine Republic
Republic	
Australia	Australia
Austria	Austria
Belgium	Belgium
Brazil	Brazil
British India	British India
British West	British West India Islands - Bahamas, Jamaica and
India Islands -	Dependencies, Trinidad and Tobago, and others
Bahamas,	
Jamaica and	
Dependencies,	
Trinidad and	
Tobago, and	
others	
Canada	Canada
Chile	Chile
China (exclusive	China (exclusive of Hong Kong, Macao and leased
of Hong Kong,	territories)
Macao and leased	
territories)	
Colombia	Colombia
Cuba	Cuba
Czechoslovakia	Czechoslovakia

Denmark (incl. Denmark (incl. Faroe Islands)

Faroe Islands)

Dutch East India Dutch Borneo; Dutch New Guinea; Java,; Other

Dutch Possessions in the Indian Seas

Dutch West India Dutch West India Islands

Islands

Egypt Egypt
France France
Germany Germany
Hong Kong Hong Kong
Hungary Hungary
Italy Italy

Japan (including Japan (including Formosa and Japanese leased

Formosa and territories in China)

Japanese leased territories in

China)

Luxemburg Luxemburg

Malaysia (British Borneo - State of North Borneo, Brunei, Borneo, Malay Sarawak; Malay States - Federated and Unfederated

States, Straits (Johore, Kedah, Perlis, Kelantan, Trengganu);

Settlements, Straits Settlements and Dependencies (incl. Labuan);

British East Indies

Indies)

Mexico Mexico
Netherlands Netherlands
New Zealand
Norway Norway
Persia Persia, Iran

Poland (incl. Poland (incl. Dantzig)

Dantzig)

Roumania Roumania

Soviet Union Soviet Union (Russia)

(Russia)

Spain, Canary Islands

Sweden Switzerland Switzerland

Turkey, European Turkey, European and Asiatic

and Asiatic

Union of South Union of South Africa (incl. South West Africa

Africa (incl. Territory)

South West

Africa Territory)

United States of United States of America

 ${\bf America}$

Venezuela Venezuela Yugoslavia Yugoslavia

The top 10 trade partners by import value in each of 1924, 1928, 1932, 1935, and 1938 are listed in Table 9.

Table 9: Top Trade Partners in Sample, 1924-38

	1924 (Mill. £)		1928 (Mill. £)		1932 (Mill. £)		1935 (Mill. £)		1938 (Mill. £)	
1	United States	170.1	United States	122.5	United States	46.7	United States	51.2	United States	73.5
73	Argentina	70.4	Argentina	68.2	Argentina	45.7	Australia	42.7	Australia	57.0
က	British India	55.9	Denmark	49.4	Denmark	37.9	Argentina	38.5	New Zealand	39.1
4	Australia	46.7	Australia	42.6	Australia	34.1	New Zealand	31.9	British India	36.3
ಬ	Denmark	45.5	British India	37.2	New Zealand	29.5	Denmark	29.4	Denmark	34.9
9	New Zealand	37.5	New Zealand	35.8	British India	27.6	British India	25.6	Argentina	32.0
7	Egypt	36.4	Canada	28.0	Canada	20.3	Canada	24.2	Canada	30.3
∞	Canada	35.8	France	26.1	Germany	9.2	Egypt	11.4	Dutch West Indies	14.6
6	France	28.7	Egypt	24.1	Egypt	7.3	Dutch West Indies	8.6	Netherlands	12.2
10	$\operatorname{Belgium}$	18.9	Belgium	21.9	Belgium	7.1	Union of South Africa	8.9	Germany	10.2
Total		2.769		611.0		347.6		368.5		453.2
Source	Source: See text.									

4 Non-Tariff Barriers to Trade

The table below lists the non-tariff barriers to trade in operation during our period, affecting imports of those goods which are in our sample. In each case, the table provides the product categories, countries, and years concerned.

Panel A. Quanti	tative Restrictions	
Good (see Appendix 1)	Countries	Years
Meat. Bacon	All non-empire	1933–8
Meat. Beef	All non-empire	1933 - 8
Meat. Ham	All non-empire	1933 - 8
Meat. Lamb. Frozen	All non-empire	1933 - 8
Meat. Mutton	All non-empire	1933 - 8
Meat. Pork. Frozen	All non-empire	1935 - 8
Panel B. Voluntar	y Export Restraints	
Good (see Appendix 1)	Countries	Years
Eggs. in Shell	All non-empire	1934
Eggs. not in Shell. Albumen	All non-empire	1934
Eggs. not in Shell. Dried (except Albumen)	All non-empire	1934
Eggs. not in Shell. Liquid or Frozen	All non-empire	1934
Meat. Bacon	Canada	1933 - 8
Meat. Ham	Canada	1933 - 8
Meat. Lamb. Frozen	Australia, New Zealand	1933 – 8
Meat. Pork. Frozen	Australia, Canada, New Zealand	1935 – 8
Panel C	. Embargo	
Good (see Appendix 1)	Countries	Years
Meat. Lamb. Fresh	All continental Europe (Austria,	1926-38
	Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark	
	(incl. Faroe Islands), France,	
	Germany, Hungary, Italy,	
	Luxemburg, Netherlands, Norway,	
	Poland (incl. Dantzig), Romania,	
	Soviet Union (Russia), Spain,	
	Sweden, Switzerland, Yugoslavia)	
Meat. Pork. Fresh	All continental Europe (as above)	1926 – 38
Panel D. Ita	lian Sanctions	
Good (see Appendix 1)	Countries	Years
All 258 goods	Italy	1936

Source: National Institute of Economic and Social Research (1943, pp. 75–121, p. 267).

5 Cartels

The table below provides data on the cartels with British membership in operation during this period, affecting the goods in our sample. International producer cartels in which the United Kingdom (mostly through significant business associations) was a member were coded from Suslow (2005, Appendix 1). This was supplemented by information on primary goods, and especially international sugar cartels, in Dye and Sicotte (2006), US Secretary of Agriculture (1933), and Rowe (1965); by information on the Achnacarry and subsequent agreements in the petroleum industry, in United States Congress, Senate (1952); and by details on individual manufactured goods cartels in Benham (1941, pp. 69–70), Barbezat (1989, 1991), Kudo (1994), Schröter (2012), and British Parliamentary Papers (1937, p. 117). We only include formal cartel agreements concluded by UK domestic producers, trade organizations, or the government.

Cartel	Countries	Good (see Appendix 1)	Years
International	Australia; Belgium; Brazil; British India;	Molasses and invert	1938
Agreement	China (exclusive of Hong Kong, Macao	sugar; Sugar. Articles	
Regarding the	and leased territories); Cuba;	containing. Not for use as	
Regulation of	Czechoslovakia; Dutch East India;	food; Sugar. Refined;	
Production and	France; Germany; Hungary; Poland (incl.	Sugar. Unrefined.	
Marketing of	Dantzig); Soviet Union (Russia); Union of	Beetroot; Sugar.	
Sugar,	South Africa (incl. South West Africa	Unrefined. Cane and	
September	Territory); United States of America;	other sorts	
1937	Yugoslavia		
Coal	Poland (incl. Dantzig)	Coal	1935–8

International	All except Soviet Union	Mineral. crude petroleum;	1929–38
petroleum		Coke and manufactured	
cartel		fuel. Manufactured fuel;	
		Mineral jelly; Oils.	
		refined. Lubricating.	
		Mixed. n.e.s.; Oils.	
		refined. Petroleum. Fuel	
		oil; Oils. refined.	
		Petroleum. Gas oil; Oils.	
		refined. Petroleum. Lamp	
		oil; Oils. refined.	
		Petroleum. Lubricating	
		oil; Oils. refined.	
		Petroleum. Motor spirit;	
		Oils. refined. Petroleum.	
		Other sorts; Oils. refined.	
		Petroleum. Spirit, other	
		than motor spirit; Tar	
		and Pitch; Wax. Paraffin	
		wax; Waxes. Ozokerit or	
		Earth wax	
Phosphate rock	Algeria, Egypt, France, Netherlands,	Fertilizers. n.e.s	1933–8
	United States	Phosphate of lime and	
		rock phosphate	
Nitrogen,	China (exclusive of Hong Kong, Macao	Potassium compounds.	1929–30
Convention	and leased territories); Germany;	Nitrate; Sodium	
Internationale	Netherlands	compounds. Nitrate	
de l'Azote			
(CIA), 1			
Nitrogen,	Belgium; Czechoslovakia; France;	Potassium compounds.	1930-1
Convention	Germany; Italy; Netherlands; Norway;	Nitrate; Sodium	
Internationale	Poland (incl. Dantzig)	compounds. Nitrate	
de l'Azote			
(CIA), 2			

Nitrogen,	Belgium; Czechoslovakia; France;	Potassium compounds.	1932-8
Convention	Germany; Italy; Netherlands; Norway;	Nitrate; Sodium	
Internationale	Poland (incl. Dantzig); Switzerland;	compounds. Nitrate	
de l'Azote	China (exclusive of Hong Kong, Macao		
(CIA), 3	and leased territories); Japan (including		
	Formosa and Japanese leased territories		
	in China) (China and Japan from 1934)		
Synthetic	China (exclusive of Hong Kong, Macao	Potassium compounds.	1926-38
nitrogen	and leased territories); Germany; Norway,	Nitrate; Sodium	
	United States	compounds. Nitrate	
Ferrosilicon	Czechoslovakia, France, Germany,	Ferro-Alloys. Other	1929–38
	Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, United	Descriptions	
	States, Yugoslavia		
Linen Thread	Czechoslovakia, France, Germany,	Linen Thread	1926 – 38
	Switzerland		
Rayon	Germany, Italy	Silk and artificial silk yarn	1927 – 38
European or	Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia,	Ingots. Other than of	1935–8
International	Germany, Hungary, Luxemburg,	special steel; Iron and	
Steel Cartel	Netherlands, Poland (incl. Dantzig)	Steel. Hoop and Strip;	
		Iron and Steel. Plates	
		and Sheets; Iron. Blooms,	
		Bars, Angles, shapes,	
		sections etc.; Special	
		steel. Ingots, Blooms,	
		Bars, Angles etc.; Steel.	
		Blooms, Bars, Angles,	
		shapes, sections etc.	
Copper	France, Germany, United States	Copper. Bars, blocks,	1927-1929
(refined) 1		slabs, ingots, and cakes -	
		Elektrolytic; Copper.	
		Bars, blocks, slabs,	
		ingots, and cakes - Other	

Copper	Belgium, France, United States	Copper. Bars, blocks,	1932
(refined) 2		slabs, ingots, and cakes -	
		Elektrolytic; Copper.	
		Bars, blocks, slabs,	
		ingots, and cakes - Other	
Copper	Belgium, France, United States	Copper. Bars, blocks,	1935-8
(refined) 3		slabs, ingots, and cakes -	
		Elektrolytic; Copper.	
		Bars, blocks, slabs,	
		ingots, and cakes - Other	
Electric cables	Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia,	Electric wires and cables,	1928-1938
(high tension)	Denmark (incl. Faroe Islands), France,	insulated	
	Germany, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands,		
	Norway, Poland (incl. Dantzig), Spain,		
	Sweden, Switzerland		
Heavy	Germany, Switzerland, United States	Converters and	1931-8
electrical		transformers, incl. Coils,	
equipment		Rotary; Converters and	
		transformers, incl. Coils,	
		static; Electrical	
		machinery. Generators;	
		Starting, control,	
		magnetos and switch gear	
Incandescent	France, Germany, Hungary, Netherlands	Electric Lamps and parts	1925–38
electric lamps		thereof	

6 Trade Treaties

We have coded two variables to take account of the existence of trade treaties. The first, labelled "Treaty" in Table 2, is designed to account for the existence of treaties concluded to mitigate the impact of the Import Duties Act and the Ottawa Agreements from 1932. We identified such treaties on the basis of National Institute of Economic and Social Research (1943, pp. 172–9). We then read the original treaty texts as published in the British Parliamentary Papers (http://parlipapers.proquest.com/; see the fourth column in the table below for the Command Paper Number identifying them). Based on this reading, we constructed a second dummy variable, labelled "Quota*treaty" in Table 2, which is equal to one if a treaty in force mentions the good in question, in the context of quantitative restrictions on imports of that good into Britain, if indeed such quantitative restrictions are in force. For example, the Roca-Runciman treaty of May 1933 secured a certain level of market access for chilled beef from Argentina. Quantitative restrictions on beef imports had been in force in Britain since 1 January 1933, so "Quota* treaty" was coded as '1' for "beef" (see Appendix 1 for the definition of this good) imported from Argentina between 1933 and the end of the sample (the treaty was renewed in 1936). On the other hand, "salted beef", which is a separate good, was not mentioned in the treaty (and was not in any case subject to quantitative restrictions). It was thus coded as '0' throughout. For both variables, treaties had to be in force during at least six months in a year to be taken into account. A treaty concluded with the US in November 1938 was therefore too late to be entered into the dataset.

Country	Years for	Goods and years	BPP command number
	which Treaty	for which	
	=1	${\bf Quota*treaty}{=}1$	
Argentine Republic	1932–38	Meat. Beef	4492; 4494; 5324
		(1933-38)	
Denmark	1933-38	Meat. Bacon	4424; 5400
		(1933-38), Meat.	
		Ham $(1933-38)$	
France	1934 – 38	none	4632
Germany	1933 – 38	none	4319
Norway	1933 – 38	Meat. Bacon	4500
		(1933-38), Meat.	
		Ham $(1933-38)$	
Poland (incl. Danzig)	1936 – 38	Meat. Bacon	4984; 5599
		(1936-38), Meat.	
		Ham $(1936-38)$	
Sweden	1933 – 38	Meat. Bacon	4401
		(1933-38), Meat.	
		Ham $(1933-38)$	

7 Robustness Exercises and Pre-Trends

7.1 Estimating the σ_h 's

As mentioned in the text, we should ideally include good times country times year fixed effects, d_{gct} , in our econometric specification, but we do not have the degrees of freedom to do this. As mentioned in the text, each of our 258 goods g falls within one of 38 3-digit SITC categories s. One alternative, therefore, is to replace our variety fixed effects, d_{gc} , with 3-digit SITC category times country times year fixed effects, d_{sct} . In other words, we can estimate:

$$ln(V_{gct}^{W}) = ln(GDP_{ct}) + ln(E_{ct}) - \sigma_h ln(1 + t_{gct}) - \sigma_h \sum_{i=1}^{n} ln(b_i)\delta_{igct} + d_{gct} + d_{gct} + d_{gct}$$

$$(1)$$

The disadvantage of doing this is that we are no longer estimating our σ_h elasticities using variation in tariffs over time alone. In particular, since we are no longer controlling for variety fixed effects, we run the risk that our estimates will be biased if some varieties, within given 3-digit SITC categories, are systematically subject to higher or lower tariffs than others. This concern is potentially especially relevant in the case of the "revenue goods" mentioned in the text – not just colonial goods such as tea, sugar, and tobacco, but silk and petroleum as well. These goods were imported in high quantities, and faced particularly high tariffs. By not including variety fixed effects, there is the possibility that this cross-section variation could actually lead to positive elasticity estimates.

The first row of Table 11 reproduces our baseline elasticity estimates, taken from Table 2. The second row gives the elasticities implied by estimating equation (1). As can be seen, the elasticities are for the most part reasonably similar to our baseline estimates, with three notable exceptions: a much larger textiles elasticity, and coefficients for colonial goods and minerals that have the wrong sign. In the third row, we exclude all revenue goods from the exercise: all colonial goods; petroleum in the minerals sector; and silk in the textiles and miscellaneous inputs sectors. All coefficients are now negative (but we obviously cannot estimate a coefficient for colonial goods).

Finally, our benchmark results use PPML methods to estimate trade elasticities, in line with the literature. However, we are mindful of the injunction

Table 11: Robustness Excercises: Trade Elasticities, Narrow Categories

	(1)	(3)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(9)	(7)	(8)	(6)
Method	Grain	Animal	Machinery Minerals	Minerals	Textiles	Misc. inputs	Textiles Misc. inputs Misc. industries	Food oils Colonial	Colonial
PPML, base	-9.567	-3.908	-4.533	-2.477	-1.861	-4.905	-7.995	-23.47	-1.468
specification									
	(4.829)	(1.489)	(1.951)	(0.743)	(3.350)	(2.787)	(2.509)	(3.098)	(0.533)
PPML,	-7.727	-4.128	-6.955	2.388	-13.73	-9.815	-7.044	-16.93	1.407
SITC*country*year	*year								
	(-4.769)	(-4.769) (-1.067)	(-2.144)	(-0.384)	(-2.528) (-4.625)	(-4.625)	(-2.938)	(-5.547)	(-0.861)
PPML,	-7.727	-4.128	-6.955	-8.404	-10.05	-20.31	-7.044	-16.93	
SITC*country*year,	*year,								
no revenue									
goods									
	(4.769) (1.067)	(1.067)	(2.144)	(2.952)	(2.010)	(2.912)	(2.938)	(5.547)	
OLS, base	-6.008	-6.289	-1.896	-0.899	-3.986	-9.128	-5.399	-7.136	-2.406
specification									
	(6.095) (2.584)	(2.584)	(2.213)	(0.807)	(3.889)	(3.869)	(3.383)	(4.582)	(1.186)

Dependent variable is the value of imports, by good, country and year (or the log of imports in the case of the OLS regressions). Baseline estimates control for good*country and good*year fixed effects. PPML estimates computed using poi2hdfe. Robust standard errors clustered by country in parentheses. Source: See text. in Head and Mayer (2014) to use a variety of methods when estimating these elasticities. Unfortunately, our specification involves so many fixed effects that we are unable to use the Gamma PML or EK Tobit estimators (we were only able to implement PPML methods because of the poi2hdfe routine developed by Guimarães and Portugal (2010) and Figueiredo, Guimarães and Woodward (2015)). However, we did re-estimate the trade elasticities using OLS methods and observations with positive trade values. The final row of Table 11 shows that while the trade elasticities for particular commodity categories change when different methods are used, the results are broadly speaking quite robust.

What is more important for our purposes is to establish to what extent our estimates of the impact of British trade policy depend on the econometric methods used to estimate the trade elasticities. Columns (1)–(4) of Table 12 therefore report the impact of protection in 1933, relative to our counterfactual scenario in which ad valorem tariffs and quotas are held constant at their 1930 levels. They do so using all four sets of elasticities presented in Table 11, using the point estimates for these and the baseline values for all other elasticities embedded in the model. In the two cases discussed above where the coefficients had the wrong sign (minerals and colonial goods in the second row), the relevant elasticities are set equal to zero. The results in column (3) use the baseline elasticity for colonial goods, given that none could be estimated for this case in Table 11. As can be seen, the method used to calculate the σ_q 's has almost no effect on the estimated impact of protection on either the total value of trade or the Empire's share of trade (although the impact of protection appears slightly larger when we use the OLS elasticities). Figures 6 and 7 show that this conclusion holds for other years as well.

7.2 The Impact of Changing γ

The results presented in the body of the paper use a point estimate and standard error for γ derived using the method described in Ottaviano and Peri (2012). As an alternative, we also simply assumed that γ was equal to 1. As can be seen from Figure 8, the results regarding the total value of imports are virtually identical: the two mean elasticities used are very similar, and in any event, the results are insensitive to changes in γ . Nor do the results regarding the impact of protection on the share of UK imports coming from the Empire depend greatly on which method we adopt, although the impact

Table 12: Impact of Protection in 1933, Using Different Trade Elasticity Estimates

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(2)	(9)	(7)	(8)	(6)	(10)	(11)
		σ_h , by econometric method	ric method								
Elasticity	PPML,	PPML,	PPML,	OLS	$\gamma = 1$	$\lambda = 1$) = \	$\kappa =$	$= \mu$	= u	$= \mu$
scenario	baseline	SITC*country	SITC*country			2	က	3.468	П	က	က
	specifcia-	*year	*year, no								
	tion		revenue								
			spood								
Fall in value of	11.3	11.3	11.3	11.3	11.2	11.5	11.7	13.8	8.0	14.3	17.0
imports relative to											
"constant 1930											
policy"											
counterfactual (%)											
Counterfactual	29.4	29.8	29.6	28.5	30.0	27.5	24.3	29.4	29.4	29.4	29.4
"constant 1930											
policy" Empire											
share of UK imports											
in 1933 (%)											

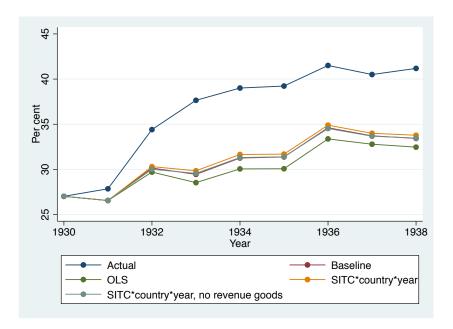


Figure 6: Actual & Counterfactual Empire Shares, Alternative σ_h Estimates Source: See text.

increases as γ increases (Figure 9).

Columns (5)–(7) of Table 12 confirm that as we further increase the value of γ , to 2 or even 3, the estimated impact in 1933 of UK trade policies increases, although not enormously. Figures 10 and 11 show that this conclusion holds for other years as well.

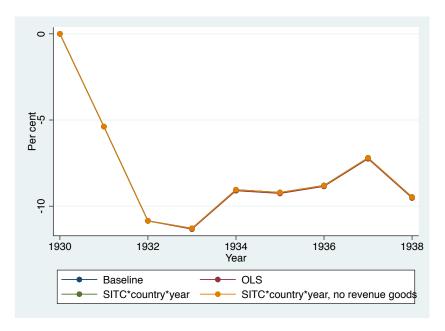


Figure 7: Percentage Impact of Post-1930 Shift in Protection on UK Imports, Alternative σ_h Estimates

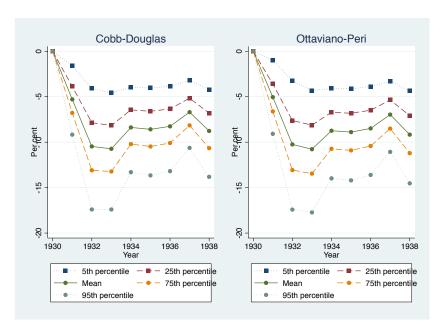


Figure 8: Percentage Impact of Protection on UK Imports Results are derived by assuming that $\gamma=1$ (Cobb-Douglas), and by estimating γ using the method described in Ottaviano and Peri (2012). Source: See text.

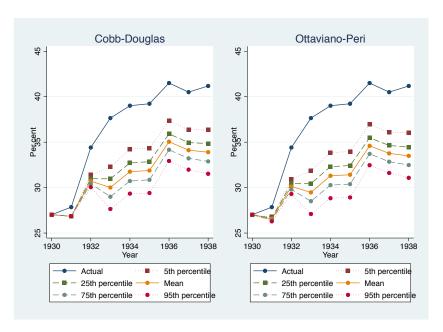


Figure 9: Actual & Counterfactual Empire Share of UK Imports Results are derived by assuming that $\gamma=1$ (Cobb-Douglas), and by estimating γ using the method described in Ottaviano and Peri (2012). Source: See text.

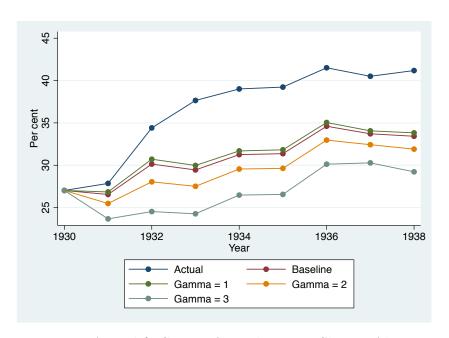


Figure 10: Actual & Counterfactual Empire Shares, Alternative γ Estimates $Source\colon$ See text.

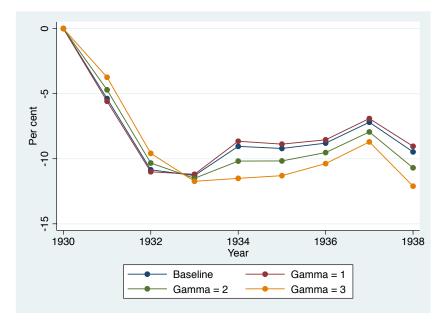


Figure 11: Percentage Impact of Post-1930 Shift in Protection on UK Imports, Alternative γ Estimates

7.3 The Impact of Changing κ

Table 13 presents four different estimates of κ . All use the unweighted average tariff to identify the elasticity, and control for the effective real exchange rate. Our preferred estimate is that given in equation (1), which has the log of imports as the dependent variable, and controls for total expenditure on all goods. Equation (2) has expenditure on domestic goods only on the right hand side. Equations (3) and (4) take imports as a share of either total or domestic expenditure as the dependent variable. We prefer equation (1) since it does not constrain the size of the coefficient on total expenditure a priori. As mentioned in the paper, we also estimated κ using the Ottaviano-Peri method, which yielded an estimate of 2.325, not that far from our preferred OLS estimate.

Hometheticity implies that κ has no effect on the estimated share of imports coming from the Empire. Higher values of κ do however increase the estimated impact of protection on total imports. Column (8) of Table 12 and Figure 12 suggests that the impact is not huge: for example, in 1933 increasing κ from its benchmark value of 2.294 to 3.468 increases the fall in trade caused by the trade policy shift from 11.3% to 13.8%.

7.4 The Impact of Changing η

Finally, what of the elastistity of transformation in production between domestic output and exports? Again, this has no impact on the share of imports coming from the Empire, but increasing it will increase the estimated impact of trade policy on the total value of trade. The value used in the baseline estimates depends on the import share in that year; in 1933, η was taken to be 1.793. Columns (9)–(11) of Table 12 and Figure 13 give the impact of changing η on our results. Increasing η from our baseline value of 1.793 in 1933 to a much higher value of 5 would have increased our estimated impact of trade policy on the value of imports in 1933 from 11.3% to 17%.

7.5 Pre-Trends

Finally, Table 14 shows the results of regressing the change in tariffs between 1931 and 1933 on the change in imports between 1928 and 1931. As can be seen, there is absolutely no correlation between these two variables.

Table 13: OLS Estimates of κ

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Dependent	Log of imports	Log of imports	Log of	Log of
variable			imports as a	imports as a
			share of	share of
			total	expenditure
			expenditure	on domestic
				goods
Log(1 +	-2.294	-2.310	-3.081	-3.468
unweighted				
average tariff)				
	(0.854)	(0.939)	(0.817)	(0.913)
Log of total	0.575			
expenditure				
	(0.227)			
Log of		0.483		
expenditure on				
domestic goods				
		(0.228)		
Log of the real	0.984	1.104	0.498	0.527
exchange rate				
	(0.554)	(0.578)	(0.538)	(0.601)
Constant	3.126	4.736	-4.288	-4.274
	(4.594)	(4.684)	(2.560)	(2.863)
Observations	15	15	15	15
R-squared	0.942	0.935	0.927	0.926

Standard errors in parentheses.

Source: See text.

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Table 14: Relationship Between Import Changes, 1928-31 and Tariff Changes, 1931-3

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Broad category	All goods	Agriculture	Manufacturing	Raw	Revenue
				materials	goods
Log change in	0.00783	-0.00538	-0.00179	0.00332	0.00576
imports, $1928-31$					
	(0.00524)	(0.00357)	(0.00240)	(0.00241)	(0.0363)
Constant	0.0841	0.0608	0.153	0.0377	-0.175
	(0.00492)	(0.00570)	(0.00273)	(0.00314)	(0.0493)
Observations	$1,\!225$	147	611	373	94
R-squared	0.004	0.013	0.001	0.006	0.000

Dependent variable is the log change in tariffs, 1931–33. Standard errors are in parentheses.

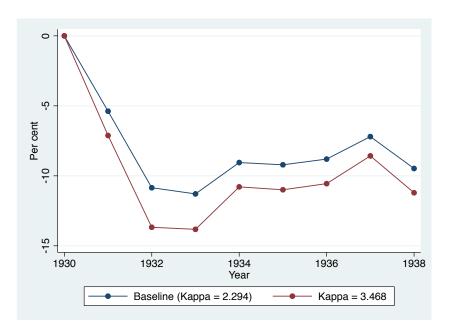


Figure 12: Percentage Impact of Post-1930 Shift in Protection on UK Imports, Alternative Values of κ

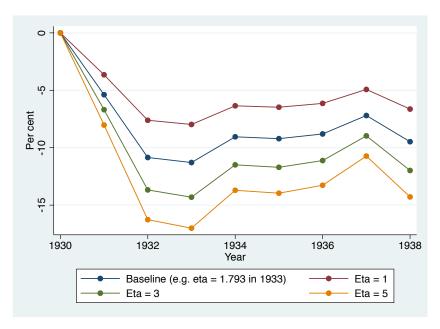


Figure 13: Percentage Impact of Post-1930 Shift in Protection on UK Imports, Alternative Values of η

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