

IMPORTS & EXPORTS (AMERICA) 1768 TO 1773

An account of the Imports Coastwise from the 5th January 1768 to the 5th January 1769

House Furniture	to Boston	Rhode Island	New York	Philadelphia
Chairs	13	52	95	
Desks	2	6	1	31
Tables		5		2
Bedsteads				7
Packages				
Bedposts	8	24	70	13

An account of the Exports Coastwise from the 5th January 1768 to the 5th January 1769

House Furniture	from Boston	Rhode Island	New York	Philadelphia
Chairs	1043	540		972
Desks	33	85		14
Tables	20	85		
Case Drawers	2	10		2
Mahogany Bedsteads (9) 10 were exported from Charlestown, South Carolina only.				

*An account of the Exports from the several ports of North America to Great Britain,
From the 5th January 1769 to the 5th January 1770*

Mahogany Bedsteads; 26 were exported from Charlestown, South Carolina to Great Britain.
No House Furniture.

*An account of the Exports from the several ports of North America to the Southern
parts of Europe & the Wine Islands,
From the January 5th 1769 to the January 5th 1770*

House Furniture	from Boston	Rhode Island	New York	Philadelphia
Chairs	6			
Desks	9	22		
Tables	8	6		

*An account of the Exports from the Several Ports of North America to the British
and Foreign West Indies, From the 5th January 1769 to the 5th January 1770.*

House Furniture	to Boston	Rhode Island	New York	Philadelphia
Desks Etc.	14	162	15	4
Cabinets Etc.	5		39	24
Chairs	66	12	23	714
Tables	8	70	25	13

*An account of the Imports and Exports to and from the Several Ports of North America
(exclusive of European Goods), Coastwise, From the 5th January 1769 to the 5th January 1770.*

House Furniture: Imported

	To Boston	Rhode Island	New York	Philadelphia
Chairs	107	125	168	29
Desks Etc.	5	1	3	6
Tables	9	11	3	4

House Furniture: Exported

	from Boston	Rhode Island	New York	Philadelphia
Chairs	828	588	65	768
Desks Etc.	25	9		
Tables	41	66	10	5

Mahogany Bedposts: 31 exported from South Carolina; 224 from Bahamas

*An account of the Produce or Manufacture of Great Britain & Ireland,
Imported into the several Ports of North America From Great Britain & Ireland
from the 5th January 1769 to the 5th January 1770*

	To Boston	Rhode Island	New York	Philadelphia
Chairs (13)	4 setts			
Clocks & Clockwork				6 + 1 case of Clockworks
Cases for Looking Glasses				4 ½ Dozen
Looking Glasses	232 doz.	8 ½ doz + 1 case	72 doz. + 5 cases	38 doz.
Household Furniture (14)			12 Bales	3 Bales
Marble Chimney Pieces				30(15)
Turnery(16)	4 packages	7 packages	1 package	
Cabinetryware	4 packages	5 packages	1 package	17 packages

House Furniture, with the subheadings, 'Bookcase', 'Bedstead', 'Chairs', 'Desks', 'Tables' had no imports to any of the above-referenced ports.

*An account of the Exports from the several ports of North America
To the British & Foreign West Indies, From the 5th January 1770 to the 5th January 1771*

Furniture	from Boston	Rhode Island	New York	Philadelphia
Desks	15	89	4	1
Tables	11	51	7	34
Chairs		42	2	688
Case of Drawers			12	
Mahogany Bedposts: 1 from Charleston, South Carolina; 74 from Bahama				

*An account of the Imports and Exports to and from the Several Ports of North America
Coastwise, From the 5th January 1770 to the 5th January 1771.*

	Boston	Rhode Island	New York	Philadelphia
Bed-posts, mahogany	Imported: 30 setts	6 setts	48 setts	16 setts
	Exported		4 setts (22)	
House Furniture: Imported				
	Boston	Rhode Island	New York	Philadelphia
Tables	2	2	2	5
Chairs	45	21	1	
Desks		6	3	19
Book Cases(23)				
Chest Drawers	7	3	4	
House Furniture: Exported				
	Boston	Rhode Island	New York	Philadelphia
Tables	40	45	12	35
Chairs	1102	434	26	930
Desks	53	94	5	16
Chest Drawers	4	12	3	1
Sundries: 1 case of cabinet Ware & 1 Ship's head imported to Rhode Island, 2 Cedar Chests Exported from Bermuda.				

*An account of British Goods and Produce Imported into the several ports of North America
From Great Britain & Ireland from the 5th January 1771 to the 5th January 1772.*

Furniture	To Boston	Rhode Island	New York	Philadelphia
Bureaus				
Chairs				
Turnery	12 Boxes	3 Boxes		
	19 cases	2 Cases		
	23 Bales	5 Bales		

One bureau was imported to Patuxent as well as 24 Chairs. No other furniture was listed.

*An account of the Exports from the several ports in North America
to the Southern parts of Europe & the Wine Islands,
From the January 5th 1771 to the January 5th 1772*

Furniture	from Boston	Rhode Island	New York	Philadelphia
Book Cases			1	
Chairs			11	
Desks		5	1	
Tables		6		

Total Furniture Exports for this period, including all colonial ports surveyed, was 1 Book Case (New York), 12 additional Chairs and 4 Desks from Piscataqua (New Hampshire), and, 10 Desks from Salem & Marblehead, Massachusetts. The Southern parts of Europe & the Wine Islands did not constitute a major market for North American colonial exports. Presumably, the cargo may have been venture cargo.

*An account of the Exports from the several ports of North America
To the British & Foreign West Indies,
From the 5th January 1771 to the 5th January 1772*

Furniture	From Boston	Rhode Island	New York	Philadelphia
Case of Drawers				
Chairs	49	84		462
Desks	9	156		1
Tables	16	71		13

Again, Piscataqua, New Hampshire and Salem & Marblehead, Massachusetts contributed the majority of the exports. Piscataqua exported 9 cases of drawers, 462 chairs, 103 desks, and 35 tables. Salem & Marblehead exported 12 chairs, 126 desks, 27 tables. The small ports of New London, Connecticut and

Newcastle, Delaware both exported chairs: 7 and 12. New London also exported 10 desks. Perhaps a specific order for delivery or venture cargo/ballast.

Sundries exported to the British and Foreign West Indies included some interesting notes. A total of 4 billiard tables were exported from the ports of New Foundland and Quebec. Billiard tables appear to be somewhat common in the list of exports from these ports, but whether they were produced in local shops has not yet been ascertained. From the port of Bahama, probably Elutheria, 172 Mahogany Bedposts were shipped as part of a large cargo that included 27 tons of Lignumvite and 19 tons of Logwood. Given the number of bedposts it is conceivable that they were made in the Bahamas and not simply shipped from an east coast port, i.e., Savannah.

*An account of the Imports Coastwise into the Several Ports of North America
From the 5th January 1771 to the 5th January 1772.*

House Furniture	To Boston	Rhode Island	New York	Philadelphia
Cases of Drawers	3		1	4
Chairs	46	260	139	27
Desks	2	1		9
Tables	9	1	2	6
Mahogany Bed- Posts	9	2	12	2

Boston imported 5 Marble Slabs, while the port of New York imported 20. Nova Scotia imports 2 Billiard Tables (which are then exported out), and Burmuda imports 1 Clock.

*An account of the Exports Coastwise into the Several Ports of North America
From the 5th January 1771 to the 5th January 1772.*

House Furniture	From Boston	Rhode Island	New York	Philadelphia
Cases of Drawers	6	4	1	2
Chairs	813	395	153	900
Desks	28	34	4	3
Tables	27	18	1	

Sundries: 173 Mahogany bed-posts from Bahama, 1 Billiard Table from Boston.

An account of the Imports except the dutiable articles, into the several ports of North American. From the British and Foreign West Indies, parts Southward of Cape Finisterre in Europe, and Africa, from the 5th January 1772 to the 5th January 1773.

No Furniture

An account of the Exports to Great Britain from the several ports of North America from the 5th January 1772 to the 5th January 1773

88 Mahogany bed posts exported to Great Britain from Charleston. South Carolina. New Hampshire exported 5 Desks, 1 Chest Drawers, New York exported 18 Marble Slabs.

An account of the Exports from the several ports of North America To the southern ports of Europe and the Wine Islands, from the 5th January 1772 to the 5th of January 1773

Furniture	Boston	Rhode Island	New York	Philadelphia
Chairs	106			
Desks		16		
Tables	5	36		

An account of the Exports to Great Britain from the several ports of North America to the British and Foreign Wars 5th January 1772 to the 5th January 1773

Furniture	Boston	Rhode Island	New York	Philadelphia
Cases				
Drawers		2	1	
Chairs	6	102	17	520
Desks	22	247	9	8
Tables	13	87	5	25

Sundries: Salem & Marblehead exported 1 clock; Boston-4 cases Joiners Ware, New York 23 boxes and 26 packages of House Furniture, Philadelphia 1 clock and case; and, 67 Setts of Mahogany bedposts were exported from Bahama.

*An account of the Imports Coastwise into the several Ports in North America
From the 5th January 1772 to the 5th January 1773.*

	Boston	Rhode Island	New York	Philadelphia
Mahogany				
Bedposts	54		5	8
Cases				
Drawers	1		2	21
Desks	1	1	3	4
Chairs	93	95	461	
Tables	2	2	3	

Sundries: 1 bag of Compass boxed imported coastwise from Piscataqua; 2 ½ barrels of house furniture from New York; 1 case picture frames from York River.

*An account of the Exports Coastwise from the several Ports in North America from
the 5th of January to the 5th January 1773.*

	Boston	Rhode Island	New York	Philadelphia
Mahogany				
Bedposts	37		5	8
Cases				
Drawers	4	1	7	15
Desks	37	35	4	1
Chairs	1165	430	90	1724
Tables	55	32	3	12

Sundries: 36 nests of sugar boxes were exported from Piscataqua and 2 cedar chests from Bermuda.

SUMMARY STATISTICS

TOTAL NUMBER EXPORTED:

<i>Article</i>	Boston	Rhode Island	New York	Philadelphia
Chairs	5198	2789	402	7682
Desks	231	792	27	44
Case Drawers	244	573	63	137
Bookcases			1	
Cabinets etc.	5		39	24
Mahogany Bedsteads	37			4 setts

Conclusions: The largest number of articles produced and exported were chairs, with Philadelphia accounting for the greatest number. Boston and Rhode Island captured the “market” for desks and case of drawers, with Philadelphia coming in third. The largest case pieces, cabinets and bookcases must have been a specialty item that was specifically ordered.

EXPORTS FROM PORT: Destination; Coastwise

	Boston	Rhode Island	New York	Philadelphia
Chairs	4,951	2,387	334	5,294
Desks	176	257	13	34
Tables	183	246	26	52
Case of Drawers	16	27	11	20

Destination: Great Britain

No furniture exported to Great Britain except for those items noted on page 8.

Destination: South Europe & the Wine islands

	Boston	Rhode Island	New York	Philadelphia
Chairs	112		11	
Desks	9	43	1	
Tables	13			
Case of Drawers				
Bookcase			1	

Destination: British & Foreign West Indies

	Boston	Rhode Island	New York	Philadelphia
Chairs	112		11	
Desks	9	43	1	
Tables	13			
Case of Drawers				
Bookcase			1	
Chairs	121	240	42	2384
Desks	60	654	28	14
Tables	48	279	37	85
Case of Drawers		2	13	
Cabinet			39	24

TOTAL NUBER IMPORTED:

	Boston	Rhode Island	New York	Philadelphia
Article				
Chairs	308	553	861	56
Desks	10	15	10	69
Tables	22	21	10	15
Case of Drawers	4		2	21
Bedsteads/Bedposts	101	32	135	41

IMPORTS FROM PORT: Coastwise

	Boston	Rhode Island	New York	Philadelphia
Chairs	211	458	402	56
Desks	10	16	10	69
Tables	20	19	7	15
Case of Drawers	101	3	6	21
Bedposts	101	32	135	39

IMPORTS FROM PORT: Great Britain

Furniture was not described individually, rather in packages and bales. It is impossible to Determine articles imported from this information.

South Europe and the Wine Islands & British and Foreign West Indies

No Imports of furniture