

PROGRESS OF POPULATION IN 1835.

Legitimate births, male	1807
Illegitimate " "	222
	— 2029
Legitimate births, female	1868
Illegitimate " "	205
	— 2073
	— 4102
Deaths, male	1383
" female	1368
	— 2751
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Excess of births	1351
Marriages	1065

The revenue of the island is stated to be about \$210,000 per annum. That portion which is derived from the customs, is about one half, or \$110,000. The remainder is from taxes and tithes. The latter are now collected by the government, and from it the priesthood receive salaries. The inhabitants are liable to pay tax for the maintenance of the small naval force kept on the station. The expenses of the government of Madeira, including the support of the military garrison, is about \$150,000, leaving a surplus to the government of about \$50,000 or \$60,000.

There are about five thousand proprietors of the soil, of whom no more than six hundred and fifty live on their rents; and there are about four hundred who receive government salaries.

Mendicants are numerous, and one is much tormented with them from the very moment of landing. It is surprising to find them so importunate in so fine an island, and where the necessities of life ought to abound.

Wine is the staple commodity: the produce during the year 1837 was 14,150 pipes. The export the year previous to our visit amounted to 8,435 pipes, of which about 3,800 pipes, valued at \$793,000, went to the United States. The imports only amounted to \$105,000, in staves, rice, and oil. The 5,700 pipes that remain, includes that shipped to Europe, the home consumption, and what is stored for refining. The inhabitants of Madeira are much alive and justly jealous of the reputation of their Wines, which are generally the engrossing topic of conversation. An amusing excitement existed during our visit. A London paper (the Times) had asserted that foreign wine had frequently been introduced into Madeira, and afterwards exported as the genuine article, to the United States in particular; and what gave more force to the story, it was stated as a fact, that seventy pipes had lately been