# The Commercial *and* Political Atlas

William Playfair

Plates 18 and 25 and a page of the observations, from the edition of 1787

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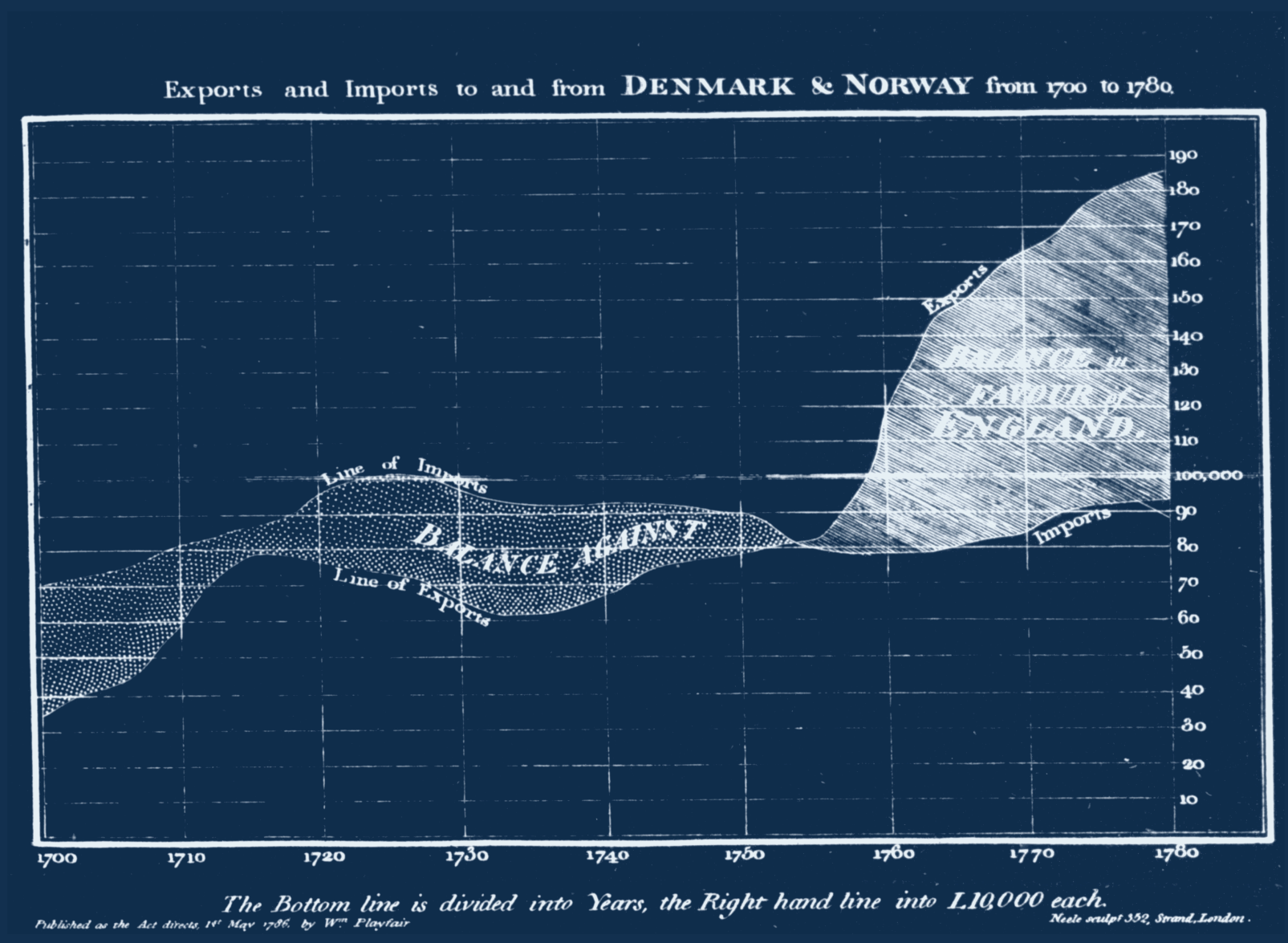



*Plate 18 of the edition of 1787, in the copy stamped by the British Museum (Internet Archive).*

## Denmark and Norway

*As engraved on plate 18: the title, the legend under the chart and the imprints.*

*Exports and Imports to and from DENMARK & NORWAY from 1700 to 1780.*

*The Bottom line is divided into Years, the Right hand line into L10,000 each.*

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## Scotland

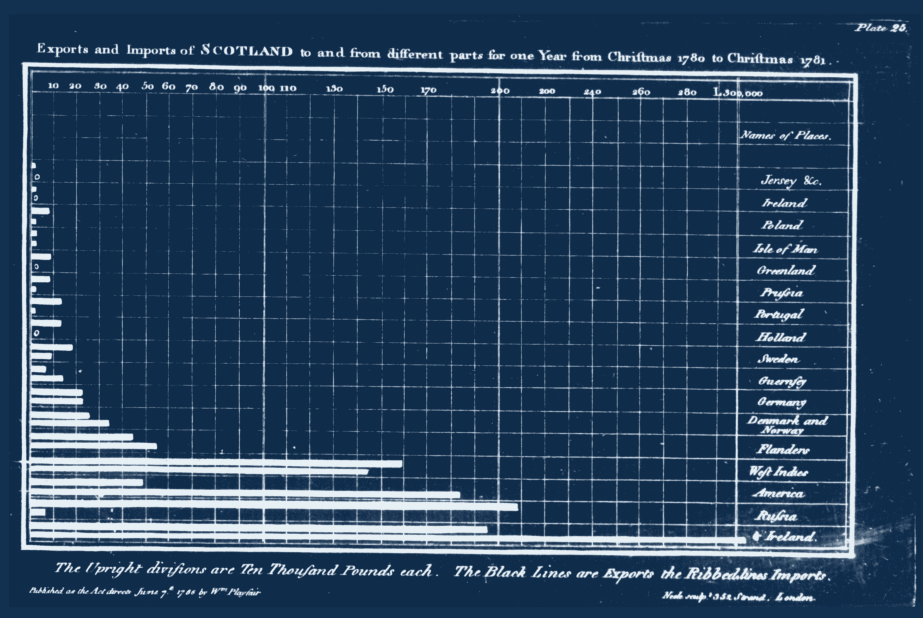



*Plate 25 of the edition of 1787.*

*As engraved on plate 25.*

*Exports and Imports of SCOTLAND to and from different parts for one Year from Christmas 1780 to Christmas 1781.*

*The Upright divisions are Ten Thousand Pounds each. The Black Lines are Exports the Ribbed lines Imports.*

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## On the Trade of Scotland

*The opening of the observations on the chart, page 101 of the edition of 1787.*

The limits of this work do not admit of representing the trade of Scotland for a series of years, which, in order to understand the affairs of that country, it would be necessary to do. Yet, though they cannot be represented at full length, it would be highly blameable intirely to omit the concerns of so considerable a portion of this kingdom.

This Chart is different from the others in principle, as it does not comprehend any portion of time, and it is much inferior in utility to those that do; for though it gives the extent of the different branches of trade, it does not compare the same branch of commerce with itself at different periods; nor does it imprint upon the mind that distinct idea, in doing which, the chief advantage of Charts consists: for as it wants the dimension that is formed by duration, there is no shape given to the quantities.

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*Excerpt: two of the forty plates, and the first two paragraphs of the observations on the trade of Scotland.*

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