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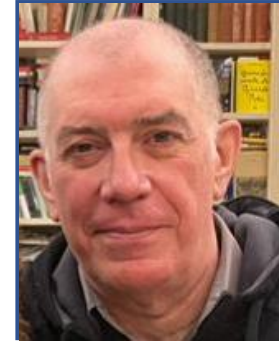
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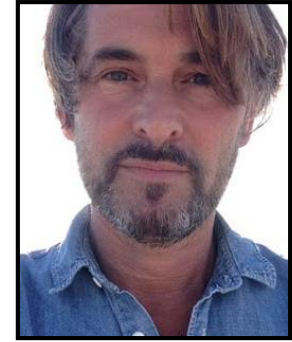
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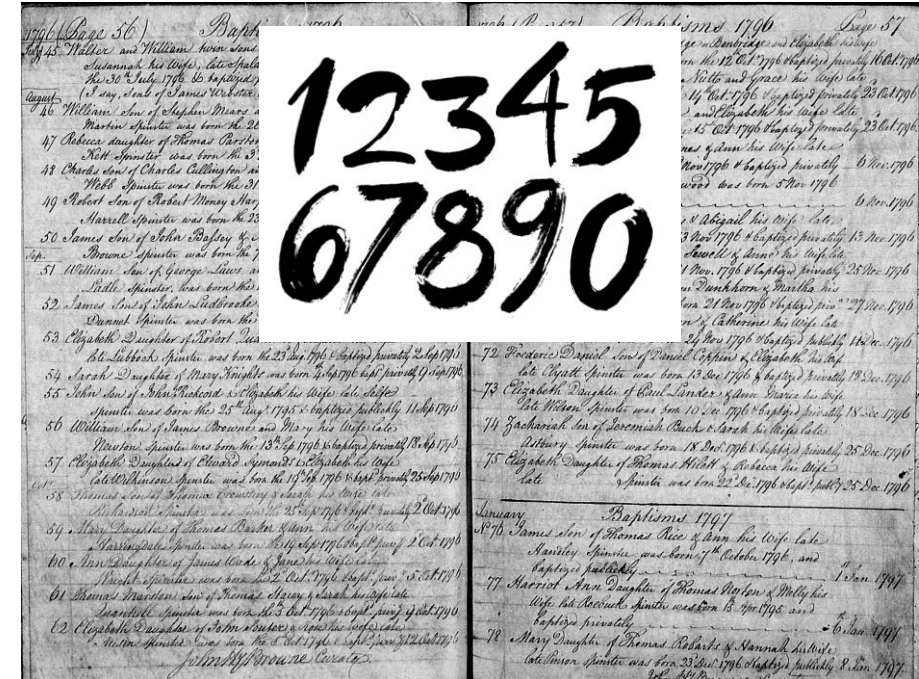
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- Sources include:
 - Population censuses
 - Parish registers
 - Account books
 - Other public documents
- Extract statistics are used to answer important historical questions



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Italy was Europe's economic leader during the 16-17th century:

- England in the 18th century had the first Industrial Revolution
- *So: when and why did England overtake Italy?*
- Malanima (2011): 18th century because of over-use of resources
- Alfani (2013): 17th century because of epidemics

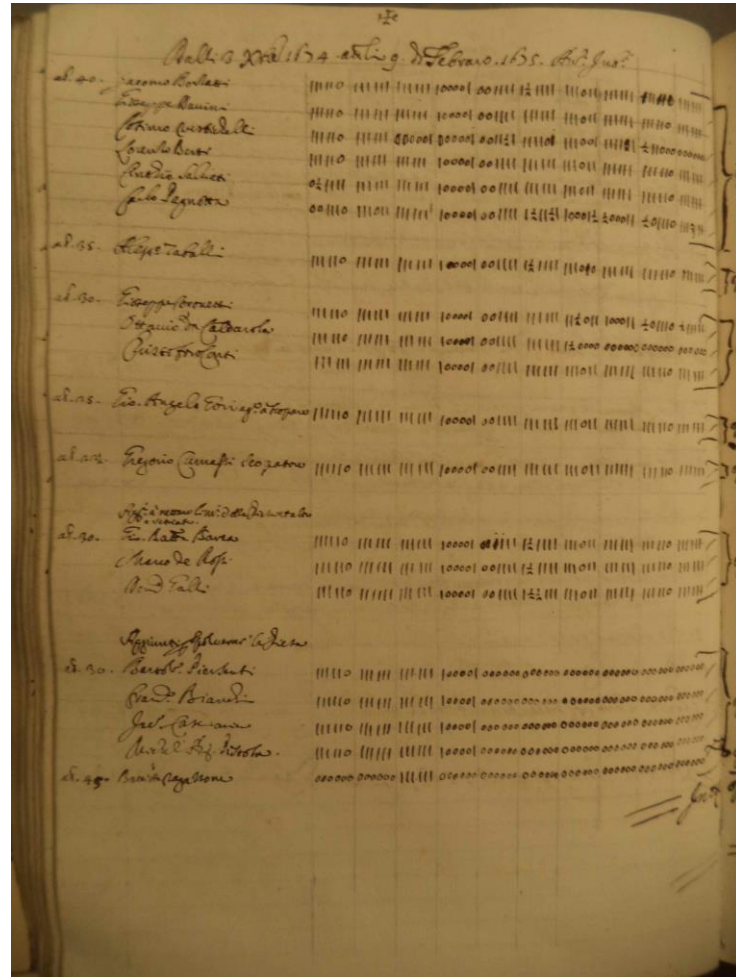
The only right place to go for answers is...



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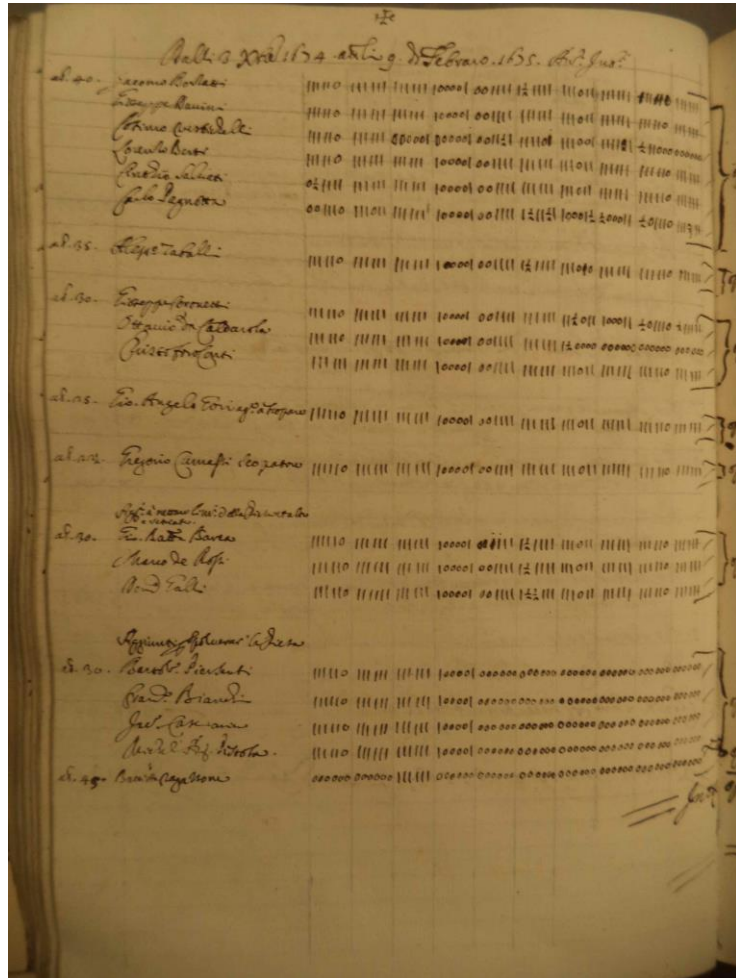
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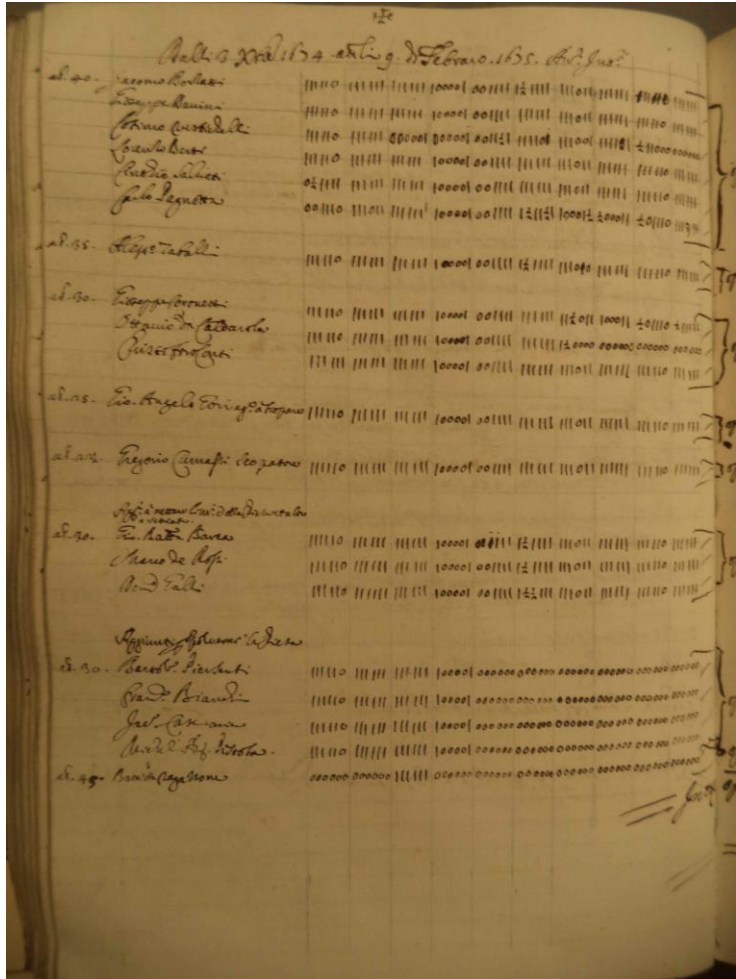


Source: *the Fabbrica of St Peter*

- Kept track of building workers employed
- 270 years (1540-1810)
- Working days and wages paid

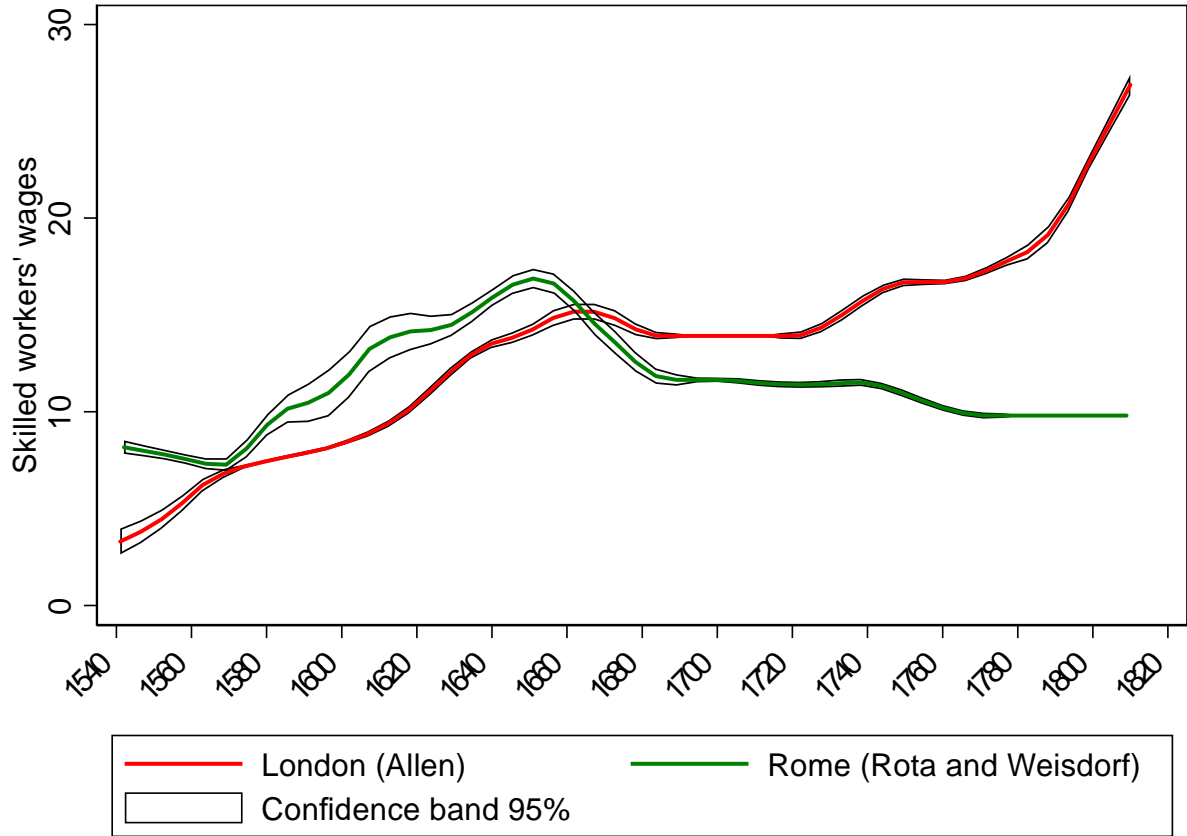
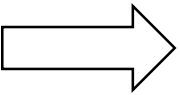
So, how much did workers earn?

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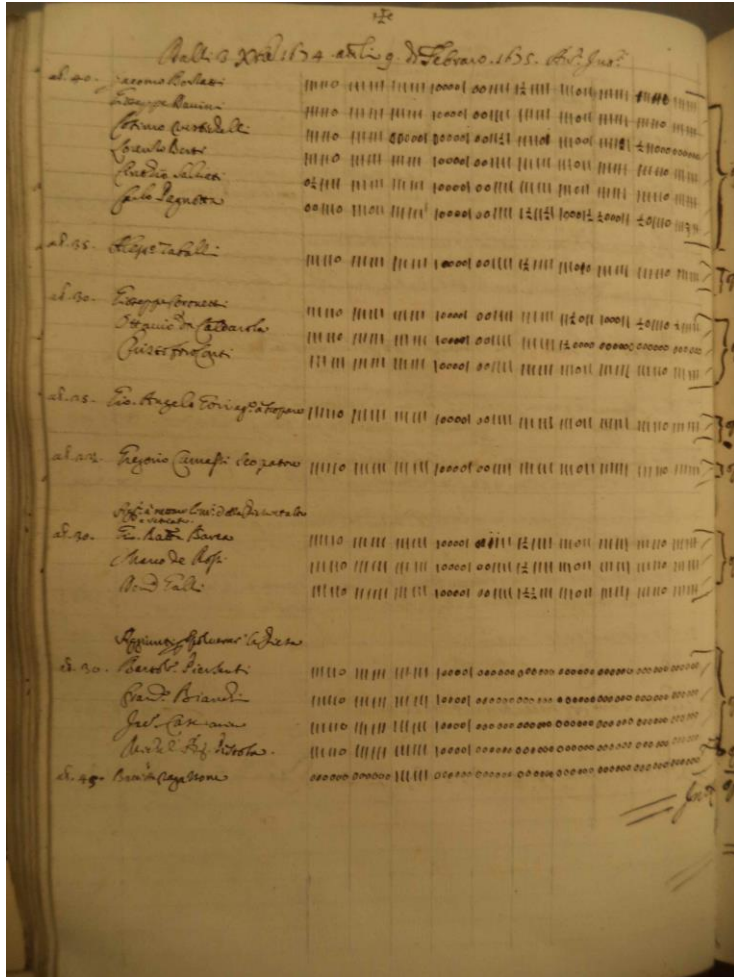


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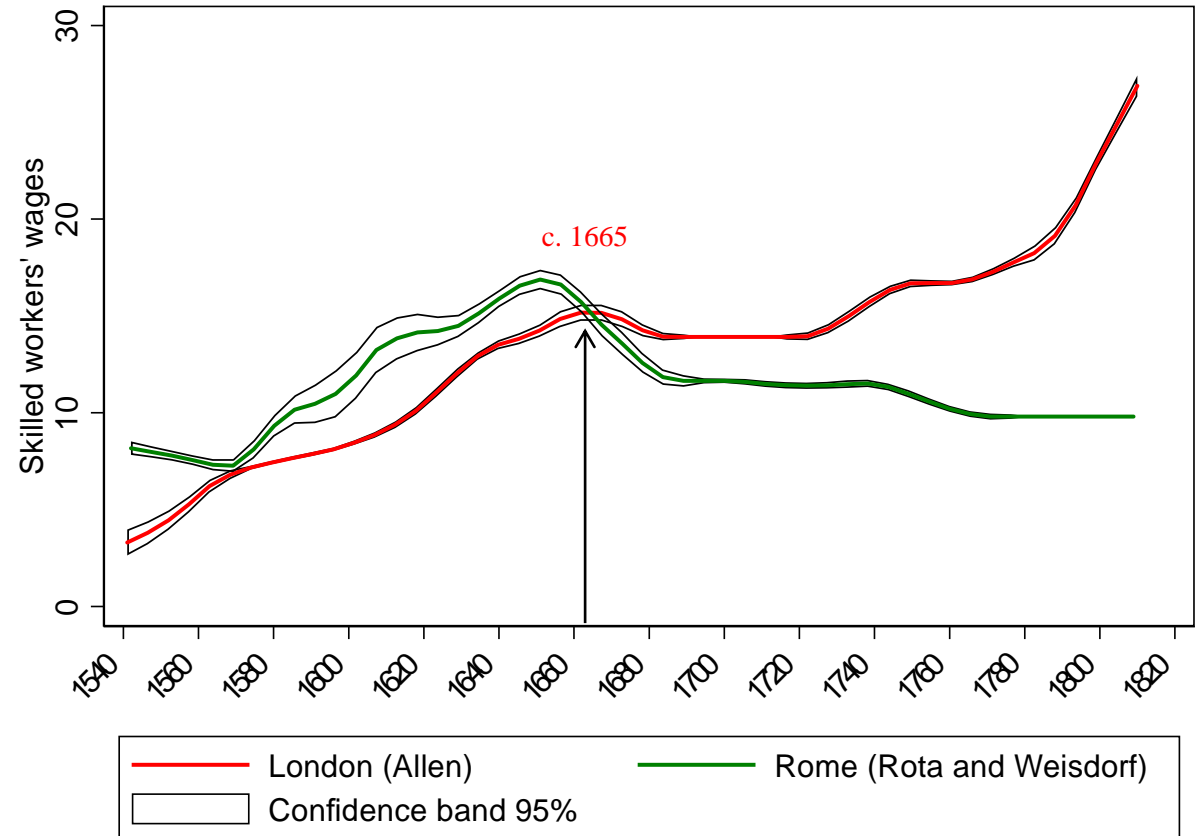


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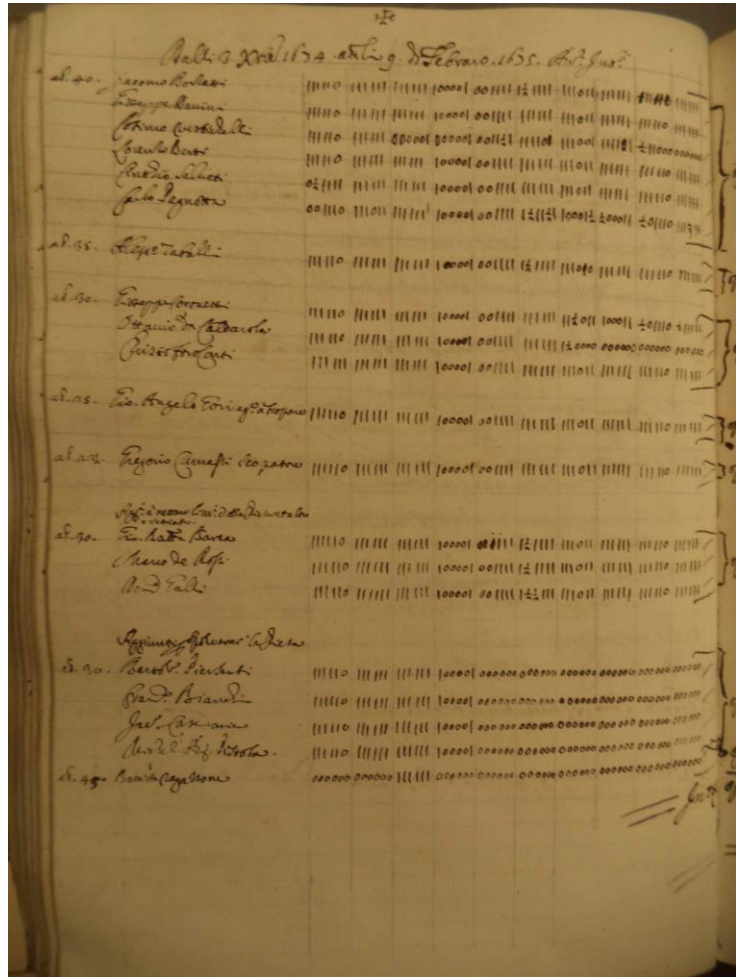
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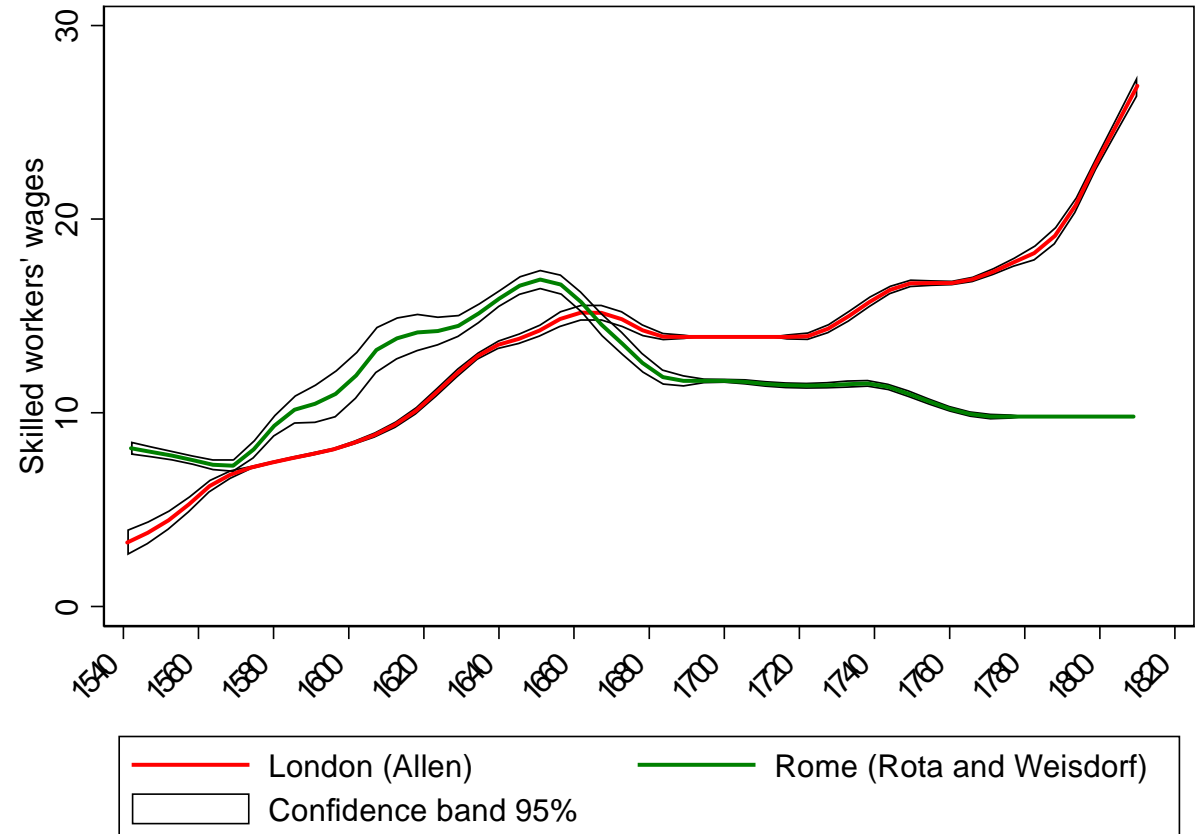
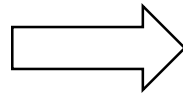


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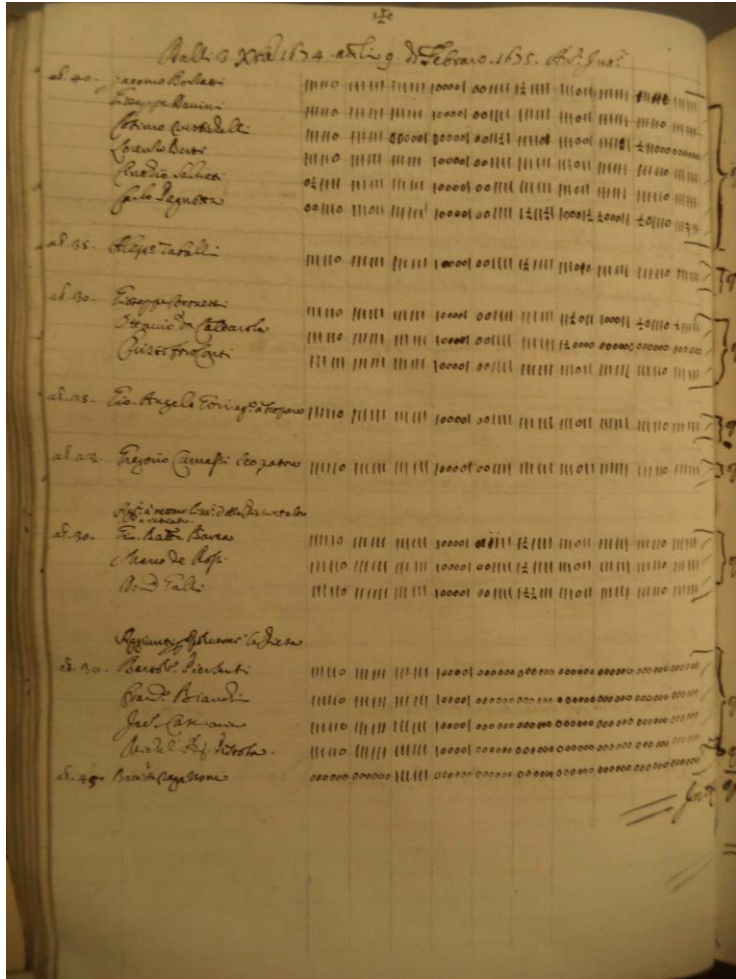
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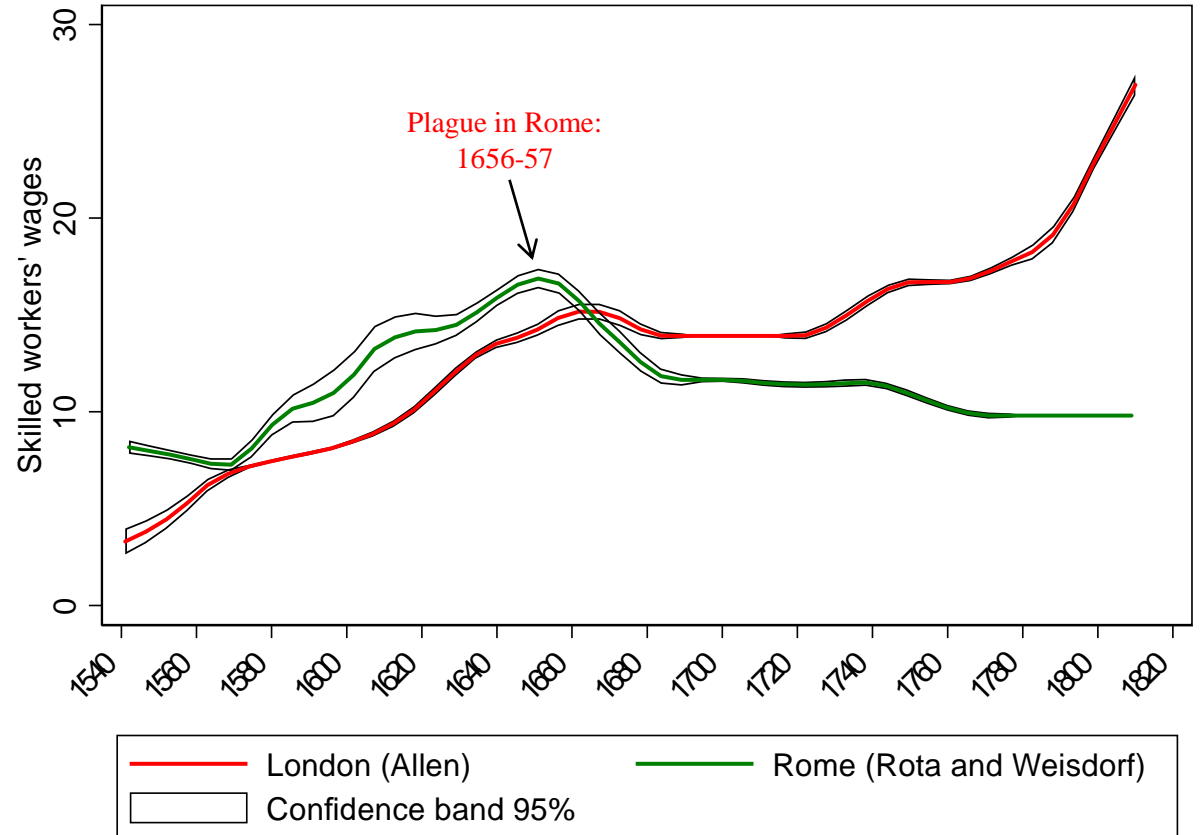


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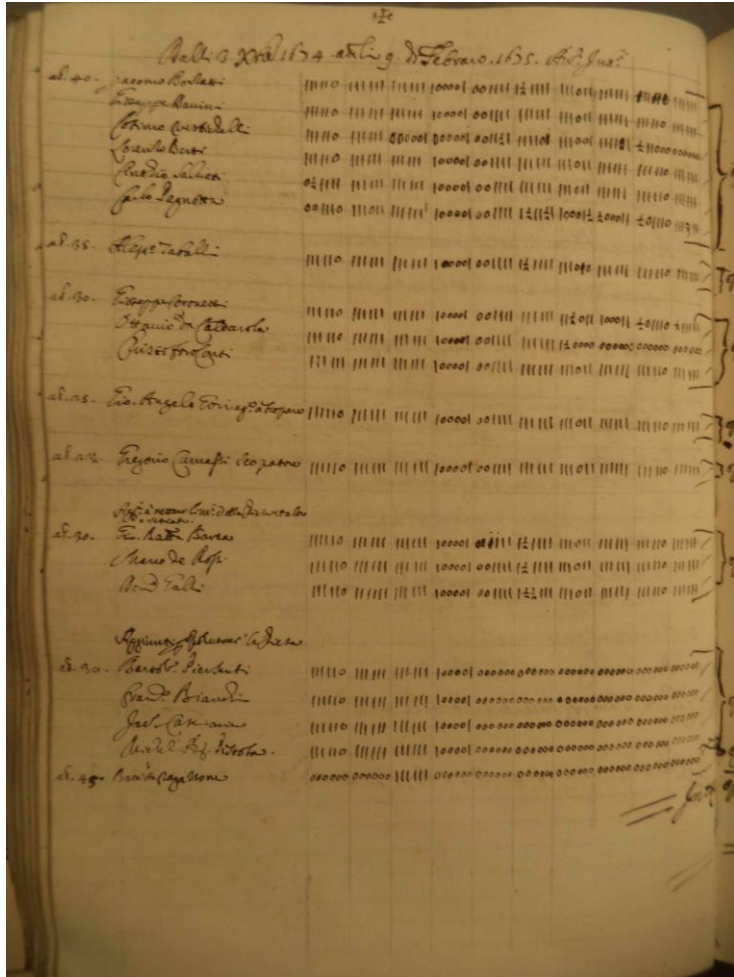


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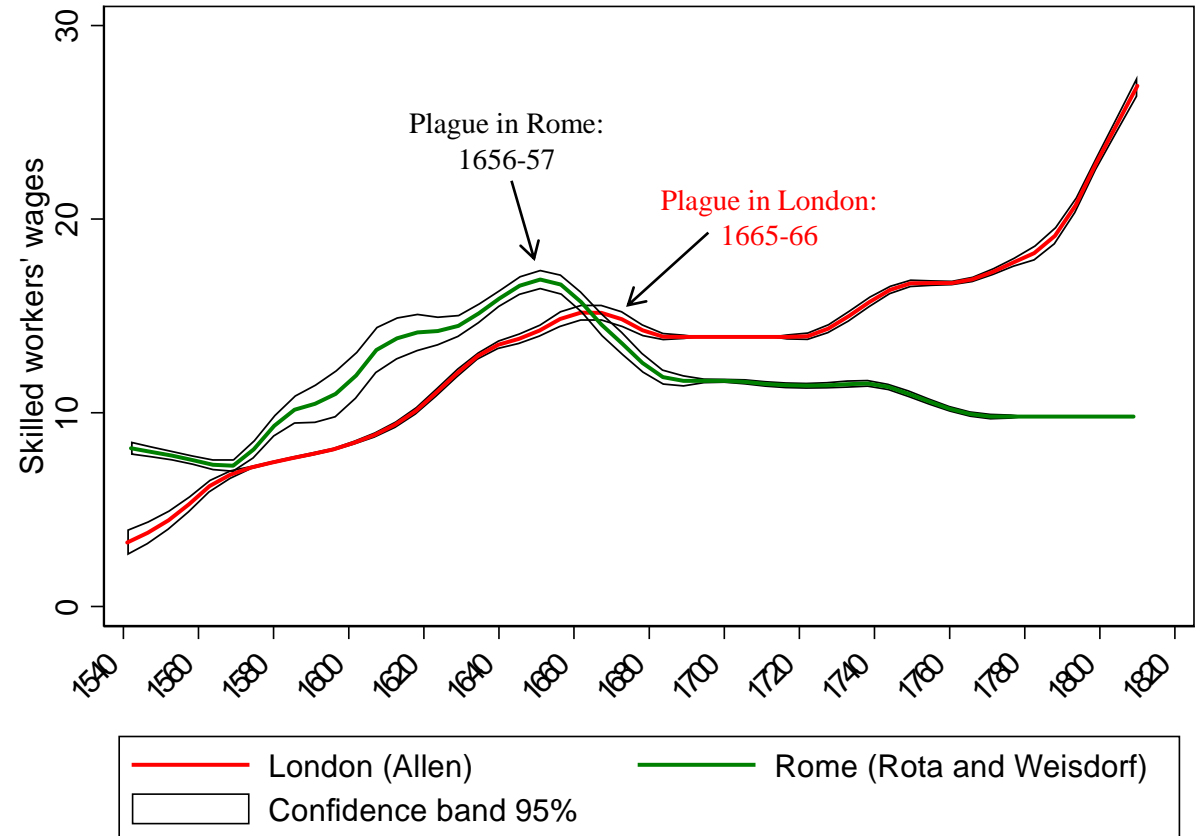


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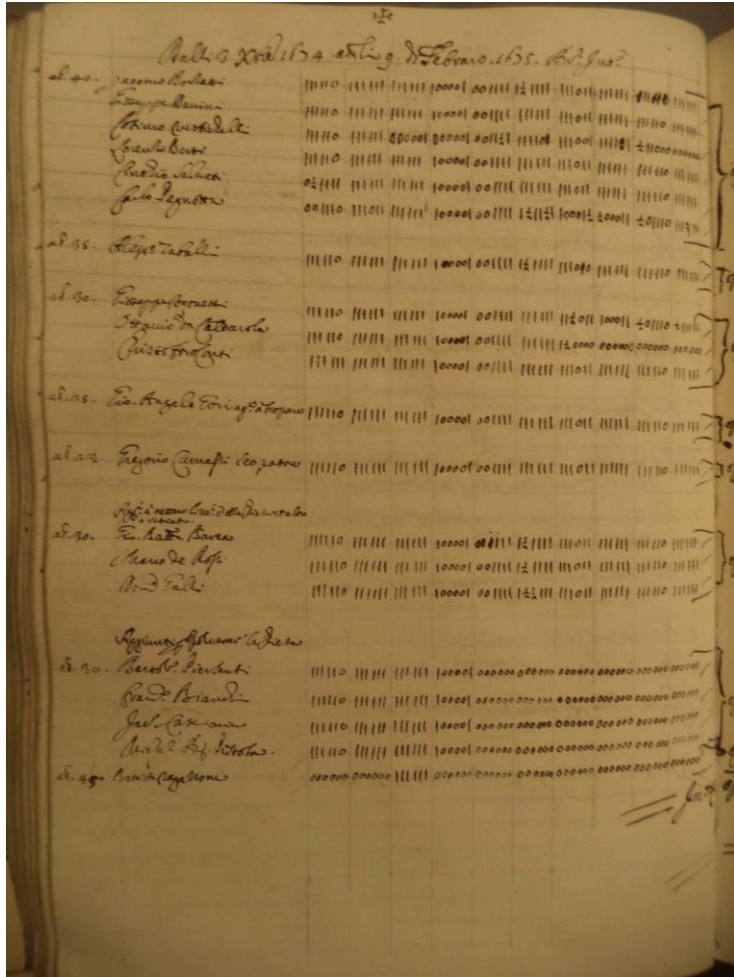


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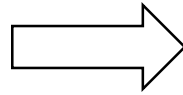
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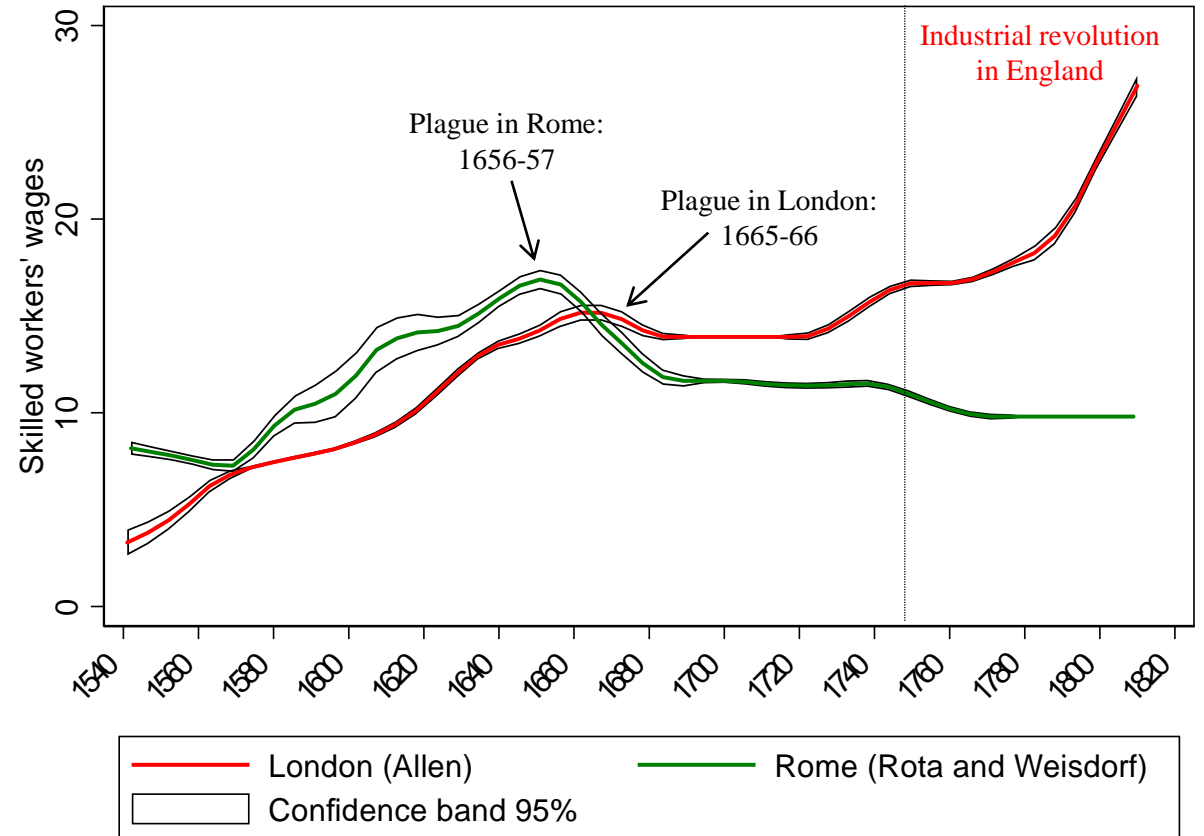
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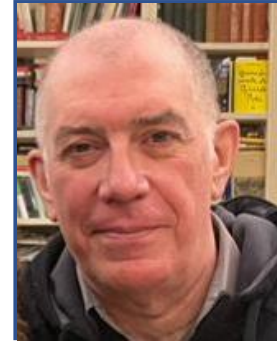
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