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**EXCHANGES, MONEYS, WEIGHTS,**  
**AND**  
**MEASURES.**

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Insert under separate Heads the Course of Exchange; a List of the Gold, Silver, and Copper Coins current in the Colony, and their relative Value to each other; the Amount of Bullion and of Paper Currency in circulation; in what Money Accounts are kept; and the Weights and Measures in common use.

## COURSE OF EXCHANGE.

1856

as received from the Chamber of Commerce -

	at days' sight	From date of Bill	Average exchange
London	Government	30	— $\frac{3}{4}$ per Cent
	Commerce	—	90 $\frac{3}{8}$ — do —
Marseilles	Government	10	— $114 \frac{1}{8}$ Grains per Franc
	Commerce	30	— $114 \frac{1}{2}$ — do — do —
	— do —	—	90 $113 \frac{1}{8}$ — do — do —
Leghorn	— do —	30	— $98 \frac{7}{8}$ — do per Tuscan dora
— Do —	— do —	—	90 $96 \frac{1}{2}$ — do — do —
Genoa	— do —	30	— $113 \frac{5}{8}$ — do per dora nuova
— Do —	— do —	—	90 $112 \frac{1}{2}$ do — do —
Trieste	— do —	30	— $278 \frac{1}{4}$ — do per Florin
— Do —	— do —	—	90 $266 \frac{1}{2}$ — do — do —
Naples	— do —	21	— $527 \frac{1}{2}$ — do per Ducat
Messina	— do —	21	— $1585$ — do per Ounce of B. M. <sup>1</sup>
Palermo			

A One Grain =  $\frac{1}{12}$  of a Penny -

## COINS.

By an order of Her Majesty  
in Council bearing date 13 August  
1855 and proclaimed in this island  
on the 4<sup>th</sup> October of the same year.  
British coins are the sole legal  
tender for payment at the rates,  
and subject to the limitation, spe-  
cified in a similar order of Her  
Majesty made with the advice of  
Her Privy Council on the 30 Nov:  
1850.

Vide Secretary of State's despatch  
N<sup>o</sup> 96 September 19, 1855.

AMOUNT OF COIN IN CIRCULATION.

About \$500000.

## AMOUNT OF PAPER CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION.

There is a paper currency in circulation consisting of Notes of the two Banks (established in Commandite) not exceeding in all £20,000 Sterling.

These banks are considered solid and are <sup>conducted</sup> considered in a safe and regular manner.

The circulating notes of English Bankers are treated commercially and not much in use in Malta.

The amount of British paper currency is very trifling.

## ACCOUNTS KEPT IN.

Government In Sterling  
Commerce in Sterling and  
Maltese Currency / Scudi /

## WEIGHTS

## WEIGHTS No. 1.

									<i>Cocci</i>	
								<i>Trappesa</i>	18	
							<i>Sedicesimo</i>	2	36	
						<i>Octavo</i>	2	4	72	
					<i>Quarta</i>	2	4	8	144	
				<i>Oncia</i>	4	8	16	32	576	
			<i>Libbra</i>	12	48	96	192	384	6,912	
( R )	<i>Rotolo</i>	2½	30	120	240	480	960	17,280		
		<i>Pesa</i>	5	12½	150	600	1,200	2,400	4,800	86,400
( C )	<i>Cantaro</i>	20	100	250	3,000	12,000	24,000	48,000	96,000	1,728,000

For Gold, Silver, Pearls, Precious Stones &amp;c.

( R ) A Rotolo is equal to 1½ lb. English.

( C ) A Cantaro is equal to 175 lbs. English.

( C ) A Cantaro of Cotton wool is 144 Rotoli, equal to 199½ lbs. English.

## WEIGHTS No. 2.

						<i>Cocci</i>	
					<i>Quarta</i>	144	
				<i>Oncia</i>	4	576	
			<i>Rotolo</i>	30	120	17,280	
		<i>Pesa</i>	5	150	600	86,400	
	<i>Octavo</i>	20	100	3,000	12,000	1,728,000	
†	<i>Pesata or Quintale</i>	3	60	300	9,000	36,000	5,184,000

For all description of dry Goods.

† Fire wood is sold by the *Pesata* of three Cantars.

MEASURES.

DRY MEASURE.

						Lumini	
					$\frac{1}{2}$ Misura		5
					Misura	2	10
		Mondello	10	20			100
		Tumolo	6	60	120		600
	Sacco	4	24	240	480		2,400
† Salma	4	16	96	960	1,920		9,600

For all Grain and Pulse, Almonds, Olives, Salt and various Seeds and Charcoal.

† 1 Salma is equal to 7½ Bushels Imperial Measure.

LONG MEASURE.

					Punti		
					Linea	12	
					Pollici	12	144
		P Palmi	12	144			1,728
C Cama	8	96	1,152				13,824

For Cloth, Linnen, Cotton Stone &c.

- P 34 Palmi make an English Yard, and
- 12 Palmi in length and 1 in thickness make a *tratta* by which measure Ship timber and beams for houses are sold.
- C 256 Square Canne are equal 1 Tumolo of Land.
- 16 Square Tumoli = 1 Salm.
- The Salm is equal to 4 44 English Acres

LIQUID MEASURE 1.

	Mezza Pinta							
							Pinta	2
						Terzo	2	4
					Mezzo	2	4	8
		Quartuccio	2	4	8			16
		Mezza Quartara	9½	19	38	76		152
		Quartara	2	19	38	76	152	304
B Barile	2	4	38	76	152	304		608
Pipa	11	22	44	418	836	1,672	3,344	6,688
Botte	2	22	44	88	836	1,672	3,344	6,688
								13,376

For all Liquids, Oil, (Milk and Honey excepted).

B The Barrel is about equal to 9 37 Imperial Gallons. or 11 gallons old measure

LIQUID MEASURE 2.

	Quartini							
						Misura	4	
						Terzo	2½	10
					Mezza	2	5	20
		Quartuccio	2	4	10			40
		Quarta	4	8	16	40		160
	$\frac{1}{2}$ Cafiso	2	8	16	32	80		320
* Cafiso	2	4	16	32	64	160		640
Barile	2	4	8	32	64	128	320	1,280

For Oil and Milk.

\* A Cafiso is about equal to 4 38 Imperial Gallons.