

EXCHANGES, MONIES, 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.

The Committee of Merchants declare a rate of Exchange with England, twice a week founded on the actual transactions during the intervening days.

The Commissary in pursuance of his instructions from the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury grants Bills on their Lordships at the rate of £ 100 in exchange for every £ 101. 10. tendered to him in British Silver Money; and advertises for supplies in other than British Specie when he has occasion so to do.

The average rate of the Commercial Exchange during the last Year has been ~~50~~ Pence per Dollar of Exchange at  $4\frac{1}{2}$  50 $\frac{1}{2}$

The following are the average rates of Exchange with the principal Ports of the Mediterranean.

Upon Sicily	..... 10. 4	..... Sterling per Ounce of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Dollar
Naples	..... 3. 5	..... per Ducat of 100 Grains
Leghorn	..... 4. 2	..... per Gold Dollar
Genoa	..... 0. 8	..... per Lira Fuori Banco
Frieste	..... 2. 1	..... per Florin
Marseilles	..... 0. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	..... per Franc

## C O I N S.

Gold — None in Circulation.

Silver — British Crown Half Crown Shilling & Six Penny Pieces —  
Spanish Dollar

+ Sicilian Dollar and half Dollar Pieces.

Maltese Dollar, Half Dollar, Two Scudi, One Scudo,  
Six, Four, Two and One Tari Pieces.

Copper — British Penny, Half Penny, Farthing, and Grain Pieces.  
the latter of the value of  $\frac{1}{8}$  of a Farthing.

The Spanish Dollar was declared a legal tender at the rate of four Shillings and four Pence Sterling by Proclamation of the 11<sup>th</sup> October 1825, issued in consequence of an order of the King in Council bearing date the 23<sup>d</sup> of March 1825.

The Sicilian Dollar, which formerly passed current at the same rate as the Malta Dollar, namely at two Scudi and a half of Malta, continues to pass since the introduction of the British Silver Money into these Possessions, at a proportioned Sterling rate. The Scudo being equivalent to One Shilling and eight Pence Sterling.

The Sicilian Dollar consequently passes for	4	<sup>1</sup> 2	<sup>2</sup> —	<small>Teniths of a penny</small>
The Sicilian Half Dollar	"	2	1	—
The Malta Dollar	"	4	2	—
The Malta half Dollar	"	2	1	—
" Two Scudi Piece	"	3	4	—
" One Scudo	"	1	8	—
" Six tari Piece	"	0	16	—
" Four	"	0	6.8	—
" Two	"	0	3.4	—
" One	"	0	1.8	—

— Dollar of the South American States

The Dollar of Mexico, Peru, Bolivia, Chile and Rio Plata was made current at the rate of Four Shillings and Four Pence Sterling, by Proclamation of the 27<sup>th</sup> May 1824 issued in consequence of Instructions to that effect contained in a Despatch from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State, dated 5<sup>th</sup> April 1824.

AMOUNT OF COIN IN CIRCULATION.

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*The Amount of Silver and Copper in circulation may be estimated at about £ 150,000. Sterling.*

## AMOUNT OF PAPER CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION

The only Paper Currency in Circulation consists of the Notes of two separate Banks (established en Comandite) not amounting to £20000 Sterling. they are not received by the Government Departments, and are issued more for the convenience of the Commercial Body, than with a view of Profit. - These Banks are considered very solid and are conducted in a safe and regular manner.

## ACCOUNTS KEPT IN.

The introduction of British money into these Possessions has not hitherto produced among the Commercial Body or Inhabitants, generally, any alteration of the mode of keeping their Accounts, and of making sales, Contracts, &c. which are continued as formerly in Maltese Currency, namely Scudi, Tari, and Grains.

20 Grains are equal to 1 Tari.

12 Tari ————— 1 Scudo equal to  $1\frac{1}{8}$   $\text{N}^{\circ}$ .

The Government Departments (since the 25<sup>th</sup> December 1825) keep their Accounts and conduct their Cash transactions in Sterling, in the same manner as in England.

## WEIGHTS.

## Weights 1.

							Trapesa	Cori		
							2	36		
					Octavo	2	4	72		
					Quarta	2	4	144		
			Oncia	4	8	16	32	576		
			Libbra	12	48	96	192	6912		
	* Rotolo	2 1/2	30	120	240	480	960	17280		
	Pesa	5	12 1/2	150	600	1200	2400	4800	86400	
	Cantaro	20	100	250	3000	12000	24000	48000	96000	1728000

For gold silver Pearl Precious Stones &c.

\* A Rotolo is equal to 1 1/4 Lb English

A Cantaro is equal to 17 1/2 Lbs English

## Weights 2.

							Quarta	Cori		
							4	144		
					Oncia	4	576			
					Rotolo	30	120	17280		
					Pesa	5	150	600	86400	
					Cantaro	20	100	3000	12000	1728000
	✓ Pesata or Quintale	3	60	300	9000	36000	36000	5184000		

For all description of Dry Goods.

✓ Firwood is sold by the Pesata of three Cantars

MEASURES.

Dry Measure

			1/2 Misura		Summi	
			Misura	2	10	5
		Mondello	10	20	100	
		Tumolo	6	60	120	600
	Sacco	4	24	240	480	2400
* Salma	4	16	96	960	1920	9600.

For all Grain and Pulses  
Almonds Olives Salt &c  
various Seeds and Charcoal

\* 1 Salma is equal to about 7 1/4 Bushels Imperial Measure.  
Wheat and Barley are sold by the Stacked and all others by the  
Heaped Measure.

Long Measure

			Linea		Punti	
			Pollice	12	144	12
** Palmo			12	144	1728	
* Canna	8	96	1152	13824		

For Cloth, Linnen  
Silken, Hemp, &c.

\*\* 3 1/4 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.  
+ 256 Square Canne are equal to 1 Tumolo of Land,  
16 Square Tumoli = 1 Salma.  
The Salma is equal to 4 1/2 English Acres.

Liquid Measure 1.

			Mezza Pint.		Pinta		Mezza Vate	
			Mezzo	2	4	2	4	8
		Quartuccio	2	4	8	16		
		Mezza Quartara	9 1/2	19	38	76	152	
		Quartara	2	19	38	76	152	304
‡ Barrite	2	4	38	76	152	304	608	
Pipa	11	22	44	418	836	1672	3344	6688.
Botte	2	22	44	88	836	1672	3344	6688. 13376

For all Liquors, Oil, Milk  
and Honey excepted.

‡ The Barrel is about equal to 9.37 Imperial Gallons.

Liquid Measure 2.

			Misura		Quartini		
			Mezzo	2 1/2	10	4	
		Quartuccio	2	4	10	40	
		Quarta	4	8	16	60	
1/2 Casiro	2	8	16	32	80	320	
* Casiro	2	4	16	32	64	160	
Barrite	2	4	8	32	64	128	
						320	1280.

For Oil and Milk

\* A Casiro is about equal to 4.38 Imperial Gallons.