

EXCHANGES, MONIES, WEIGHTS,
AND
MEASURES.

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^s. tendered to him in British Silver Money. He has not of late advertised for any supplies in other than British Specie: Should he have occasion so to do, he must come in competition with the Merchants.

The average rate of the Commercial Exchange during the last Year, has been 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ pence per Dollar of Exchange of 16 $\frac{1}{2}$.

The following are the average rates of Exchange with the principal ports of the Mediterranean

Upon Sicily	16 ^s 16 ^d	sterling per Ounce of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Dollars.
Raples	3. 5.	per Ducat of 100 Grains.
Lepore	4. 2.	per Gold Dollar.
Genoa	0. 8.	per Lira Turci Banco.
Trieste	2. 1.	per Florin
Marsailles	0. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	per Franc.

COINS.

Gold - None in circulation.

Silver - British Crown; Half Crown; Shilling and Sixpenny Pieces.
Spanish Dollars.

Sicilian Dollar and Half Dollar Pieces.

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

Copper - British Penny, Halfpenny, Farthing, and Grain Pieces;
the latter of the value of $\frac{1}{3}$ 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 11th October, 1825, issued in consequence of an Order of the King in Council, bearing date the 23rd 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 proportionate Sterling rate. The Scudo being equivalent to One Shilling and eight Pence, Sterling.

The Sicilian Dollar consequently passes for	4	2	² / ₁₂ ths of a Penny
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	10	-
" " Four	0	6	8
" " Two	0	3	4
" " One	0	1	8

British Silver has hitherto borne a premium in consequence of the Comptroller having a fixed rate of Exchange at which he is required to grant Bills on the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for tenders in that Coin (Six-penny Pieces excepted) for any amount above one hundred Pounds. Thus there has been an augmentation in the comparative value of the British Coins, but this would not have been the case had the rate of the Continental Exchanges on England, which influences that of Malta, been otherwise.

AMOUNT OF COIN IN CIRCULATION.

*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 in Comandite) not amounting to £ 20,000 Sterling; they are not received by the Government Departments, and are issued more for the conveniency of the Commercial Body, than with a view to 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 $1\frac{1}{8}$ Ster.

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

WEIGHTS.

Weights 1.

								Trapesa	Libbra			
								2	36.			
							2	4	72			
							2	4	8	144		
							4	8	16	32	576.	
							12	48	96	192	384	6912
* Rotolo	2½	30	120	240	480	960	1920	3840	17280			
Pesa	5	12½	150	600	1200	2400	4800	86400				
† Cantaro	20	100	250	3000	12000	24000	48000	96000	1728000			

For sold, Silver Marks, Precious Stones, &c. &c.

* A Rotolo is equal to 1 ¾ Lb. English.

† A Cantaro is equal to 175 Lbs. English.

Weights 2.

								Quarta	Libbra		
								4	576		
							30	120	17280		
							5	150	600	86400	
							20	100	3000	12000	1728000
† Pesata or Quintala	3	60	300	9000	36000	512400					

For all description of Dry goods.

† Firewood is sold by the Pesata of three Cantars.

MEASURES.

Dry Measure				Lumini	
				1/2 Misura	5
			Misura	2	10
		Monetto	10	20	100
		Tumolo	6	60	600
	Sacco	4	24	240	480
					2400
*	Salma	4	16	96	960
					1920
					9600

For all Grain and Pulse, Herb, Almonds, Cloves, Salt & various Seeds and Charcoal.

* 1 Salma is equal to about 7 1/2 Bushels Imperial Measure. Wheat and Barley are sold by the Striked, and all others by the Heaped Measure.

Long Measure

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			Linea	12
			Pollice	12
		12 Palmi	12	144
				1728
†	Canna	2	96	1152
				13824

For Cloth, Linen, Cotton, Horse, &c.

12 3/4 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.
 † 156 Square Canne are equal to 1 Tumolo of Land.
 16 Square Tumoli " " to 1 Salma.
 The Salma is equal to 1/44 English acres.

Liquid Measure 1

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				Pinta	2		
				Terzo	2	4	
			Mezzo	2	4	8	
		Quartuccio	2	4	8	16	
		Mezza Quartara	4 1/2	19	38	76	152
		Quartara	2	19	38	76	152
‡	Barile	38	76	722	1444	2888	5776
							11552
	Pipa	11	418	836	7942	15884	31768
							63536
	Botte	2	22	836	1672	15884	31768
							63536
							127072
							254144

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

‡ The Barrel is equal to about 4.37 Imperial Gallons.

Liquid Measure 2.

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				Misura	4		
				Terzo	2 1/2	10	
			Mezzo	2	5	20	
		Quartuccio	2	4	10	40	
		Quarta	4	8	16	40	160
	1/2 Casise	2	4	8	16	32	64
							128
*	Casise	2	4	16	32	64	128
							256
	Barile	2	4	8	32	64	128
							256
							512

For Oil and Milk

* A Casise is equal to about 4.38 Imperial Gallons.