

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 Commisary 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 $(50\frac{1}{2})$ Pence per Dollar of Exchange of $4\frac{1}{2}$.

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

Upon Sicily	10. 4 ^s	sterling	per Ounce of 2 ¹ / ₂ Dollars.
Naples	3. 5.	"	per Ducat of 100 Grains
Leyhorn	4. 2.	"	per Gold Dollar
Genoa	0. 8.	"	per Lira fuori Banco
Trieste	2. 1.	"	per Florin
Marsailles	0. 9 ^s	"	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	<small>Twelve 4 = 7 Pence</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	10	
" " Four	0	6	8
" " Two	0	3	4
" " One	0	1	8

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 en Comandite) not amounting to £20000. 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 $1\frac{1}{8}$ Sh.

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.

									Cocci
								Trapesa	18
								Seicesimo	2
								2	36.
							Octavo	2	4
							2	4	72
							Quarto	2	4
							2	4	8
							2	4	144
							Oncia	4	2
							4	2	16
							4	2	32
							4	2	576
							Sibbia	12	48
							12	48	96.
							12	48	192
							12	48	384
							12	48	6912
							* Rotolo	2½	30
							2½	30	120
							2½	30	240
							2½	30	480.
							2½	30	960.
							2½	30	17280.
							Pesa	5	12½
							5	12½	150
							5	12½	600
							5	12½	1200
							5	12½	2400.
							5	12½	4800
							5	12½	86400
							1 Cantaro	20	100
							20	100	250
							20	100	3000
							20	100	12000.
							20	100	24000
							20	100	48000
							20	100	96000
							20	100	1728000

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

* A Rotolo is equal to 1¼ Lb. English

† A Cantaro is equal to 175 Lbs English.

Weights, 2.

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

For all description of Dry Goods.

† Firwood is sold by the Pesata of three Cantars.

MEASURES.

Dry Measure.

				7/8 Misura	5
				Misura	2
					10
				Alondette	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 Pulse,
Nuts, Almonds, Cloves, Salt &
various Seeds and Charcoal.

* 1 Salma is equal to about 7 7/8 Bushels Imperial Measure. Wheat and Barley are sold by the Striked, and all others by the Heaped Measure.

Long Measure.

				Linea	12
				Pollice	12
					144
				1/2 Palmi	12
					144
					1728
*	Canua	8	96	1152	13824

For Cloth Lines,
Cotton, Yarn, &c.

1/2 3 1/2 Palmi make an English Yard and 12 Palmi in length and 1 in thickness make a Teuto by which measure Ship-timber and beams for houses are sold.

* 156 Square Canua are equal to 1 Tumolo of Land.
16 Square Tumoli to 1 Salma.
The Salma is equal to 4 1/2 English Acres.

Liquid Measure 1.

						Mezza Pinta	2
						Pinta	2
							4
						Terzo	2
							4
							8
						Mezzo	2
							4
							8
						Quartuccio	2
							4
							8
							16.
						Mezza Quartuccio	9 1/2
							19
							38
							76.
							152
						Quartuccio	2
							19
							38
							76
							152
							304
						Barile	38
							76
							144
							288
							5776.
							11552
						Pipa	11
							418
							836.
							7942.
							15884
							31768
							63536
							127072
						Botte	2
							22
							836.
							1672
							15884
							31768.
							63536
							127072
							254144

For all Liquids, Oil Milk
and Honey excepted

* The Barrel is equal to about 9.37 Imperial Gallons.

Liquid Measure 2.

						Quartuccio	4
						Misura	4
							10
						Terzo	2 1/2
							5
							20
						Mezzo	2
							4
							10
							40
						Quartuccio	2
							4
							16
							60
							160
						1/2 Casise	2
							8
							16.
							32
							80
							320
						* Casise	2
							4
							16
							32
							64
							160
							640
						Barile	2
							4
							8
							32
							64
							128.
							320.
							1280.

For Oil and Milk

* A Casise is equal to about 4.38 Imperial Gallons.