

~~COTTON FACTORY - GOZO .~~

Report on the Government Cotton Factory of Gojo. —

The Cotton Factory was established in the Year 1817, as a charitable institution the principal object having been to give employment to a great number of indigent persons particularly females at as little expence as possible to the Government.

The advances of cash were formerly limited to £200 a Month and by a Statement inserted in Page 20 of the Blue Book prepared in November 1828, for the use of the Members of the Finance Committee at home it appeared that a loss to Government of about £1600 had attended this concern in a period of Eleven Years. In consequence it was resolved to reduce the expenditure materially, and eventually to knock up the whole of the plan and Establishment. The issue therefore from December 1828, to December 1829, instead of the former rate have not exceeded £50 per Month and it is proposed in the Year 1830 still further to reduce any advance of cash for this concern in order to bring it as soon as possible to a close; it being one from which loss is inseparable.

The following is a Memorandum of the

transactions

transactions of this Concern from the 24.th Decemb.
1828. to 24.th December 1829.

Maltese Rotoli *				
2093.	Native Cotton in different Stages of preparation remaining in Store on the 24. th Decemb. 1828	£ 140. 17.		
2015.	Native Cotton Wool purchased from the Cultivators	95. 4. 7/4		
6207.	Bengal Cotton Wool purchased	261. 12. 11.		
10315.		£ 497. 13. 11/4		
	Charges			
	Pay of Beaters — men	£ 14. 13. 2/4		
	“ of Spinners — women	26. 10. 8/4		
	Incidental Expenses	1. 10. 10/4		
	Salaries	30. — —		
		72. 14. 9/4	570. 8. 8/4	
2160	Viz. { 1082 Native Cotton Yarn sold for	£ 63. 17. 4/4		
	{ 1078 Bengal Cotton Yarn sold for	56. 2. 11.	120. —. 3/4	
8155.	Remaining in Store 24. th Decemb. 1829 and against a Disburse of	£	450. 8. 5/4	

* The Maltese Rotolo is equal to 1 lb 3/4.
Averdupois the 8155 Rotoli at the present
Market price would sell for about £ 390.

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