

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 for some time 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 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ^d.

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.
Trieste	2. 1.	per Florin
Marseilles	0. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$.	per Franc

COINS.

Gold - None in Circulation.

Silver - British Crown; Half Crown; Shilling and Six Penny 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 23^d 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	2	¹ / ₂ Twelfth 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	2
— " — 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 £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 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 $1\frac{1}{8}$ Sty.

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.

									Loeci
								Scaposa	18
								Scidicesimo	2
								Octavo	2
								Quarta	2
								Oncia	4
								Libbra	12
								* Rotolo	2 1/2
								Pesa	5
1	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

1 a Cantaro is equal to 175 Lbs English.

Weights. 2.

									Loeci
								Quarta	1 1/4
								Oncia	4
								Rotolo	30
								Pesa	5
								Cantaro	20
1	Pesata or Quintale	3	60	300	4000	36000	36000		5184000

For all description of Dry Goods

1 Firewood is sold by the Pesata of three Cantars.

MEASURES.

Dry Measure

			Misura	1/2 Misura	Lumini
				2	10
		Mondello	10	20	100
		Tumolo	6	60	600
	Sacco	4	24	240	2400
*	Salma	4	16	96	960

For all Grain and Pulse
Almonds, Olives, Salt, &c.
Various Seeds and Chocolate.

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

Long Measure.

		Linea	Puntic
		12	144
12	Palme	12	144
*	Canna	8	96

For Cloth, Linnen, &c.
Cotton, Stone, &c.

12 3/4 Palme make an English Yard - and
12 Palme in Length and 1 in Thickness make a Trutta
by which Measure Ship Timber and Beams for Houses are sold.
* 156 Square Canne are equal to 1 Tumolo of Land.
16 Square Tumoli = 1 Salma
The Salma is equal to 4.46 English Acres.

Liquid Measure 1

				Mezza-Pinta	Pinta
				2	4
			Terzo	2	4
			Mezzo	2	4
		Quartuccio	2	4	8
		Mezza-Quartuccio	9/16	19	38
		Quartuccio	2	19	38
	Barile	2	4	38	76
	Pipa	11	22	44	418
	Botte	2	22	44	88

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

* The Barrel is about equal to 9.37 Imperial Gallons.

Liquid Measure 2.

				Misura	Quartini
				4	10
			Terzo	2 1/2	10
			Mezzo	2	5
		Quartuccio	2	4	10
		Quarta	4	8	16
		1/2 Cafiso	2	8	16
	* Cafiso	2	4	16	32
	Barile	2	4	8	32

For Oil and Milk

* A Cafiso is about equal to 4.38 Imperial Gallons.