

**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. 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  $49\frac{3}{4}$  Pence per Dollar of Exchange of  $16\frac{1}{2}$  50

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

Upon Sicily	10. 6.	sterling per Ounce of 2 1/2 Dollars
Naples	3. 5.	per Ducat of 100 Grains.
Leghorn	4. 2.	per Gold Dollar
Genoa	6. 8.	per Lira Fuori Banco.
Trieste	2. 1.	per Florin
Marseilles	6. 9 1/2.	per Franc.

**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, Half penny 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 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.

	s	d	Twelfths of a penny
The Sicilian Dollar consequently passes for	4	2	—
The Sicilian Half Dollar	2	1	—
The Malta Dollar	4	2	—
The Malta Half Dollar	2	1	—
— " — Two Scudi Piece	3	6	—
— " — 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.

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

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 of Profit. These Banks are considered very solid, and are conducted in a safe and regular manner.

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  $1\frac{1}{8}$  Stg.

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.

									Loeci				
									18.				
								2	36.				
								2	4	72.			
								2	4	8	144.		
								4	8	16.	32	576.	
								12	48.	96	192	384	6912.
*	Rotolo	2 1/2	30	120	240	480	960	1920	3840	7680	15360.		
	Pesa	5	12 1/2	150	600	1200	2400	4800	9600	19200.			
∇	Cantaro	20	100	250	3000	12000	24000	48000	96000	192000.			

For Gold, Silver, Pearl, Precious Stones, &amp;c.

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

∇ A Cantaro is equal to 175 Lbs English

## Weights 2.

									Loeci			
									144.			
								4	576.			
								30	120	1920.		
								5	150	600	86400.	
								20	100	3000	12000	192000.
∇	Pesata, or Quintale	3	60	300	9000	36000	5184000.					

For all description of Dry Goods.

∇ Firewood is sold by the Pesata of three Cantars

MEASURES.

Dry Measure.

					Summi	
				$\frac{1}{2}$ misura	5	
			Mitura	2	10	
		Mondello	10	20	100	
	Tumolo	6	60	120	600	
	Sacco	4	24	240	2400	
*	Salmia	4	16	96	960	9600

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

\* 1 Salmia is equal to about  $7 \frac{3}{8}$  Bushels Imperial Measure.  
Wheat and Barley are sold by the Sticked, and all  
others by the Heaped Measure.

Long Measure

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

For Cloth Lines  
Cotton Yarn &c.

- 12  $\frac{3}{4}$  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 = 1 Salmia  
The Salmia is equal to 466 English Acres.

Liquid Measure 1.

						Mezza Pinta				
						Pinta	2			
						Torzo	2	4		
					Mezzo	2	4	8		
		Quartuccio	2	4	8	16				
		Mezzo Quartuccio	$9 \frac{1}{2}$	19	38	76	152			
	Quartuccio	2	19	38	76	152	304			
+	Barile	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.

						Mezza			
						Torzo	$2 \frac{1}{2}$	10	
					Mezzo	2	5	20	
		Quartuccio	2	4	10	40			
	Quarta	4	8	16	40	160			
	$\frac{1}{2}$ Copite	2	8	16	32	80	320		
+	Copite	2	4	16	32	64	160	640	
	Barile	2	4	8	32	64	128	512	1280

For Oil and Milk

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