
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 M^{ty}'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; and advertises for Supplies in other than British Specie when he has occasion so to do.

The average rate of the Commercial Exchange during the last Year has been 50 ¹²/₁₂ Pence per Dollar of Exchange of $4\frac{1}{2}$ ⁵⁰/₁₀₀.

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 Ounce of 100 Grains.
Seyhorn	4. 2.	per Gold Dollar.
Genoa	6. 8.	per Lira fuori Banco
Trieste	2. 1.	per Florin
Marseilles	0. 9 ¹ / ₂ .	per Franc
Genoa	9 ¹ / ₂ .	per Lira nuova

COINS.

Gold - None in Circulation.

Silver British Crown Half Crown Shilling & Six Penny Pieces -
Spanish Pillared Dollar.

Dollar of the South American States.

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 11th October 1825, issued in consequence of an order of the King in Council bearing date the 23rd of March 1825.

The Dollar of Mexico, Peru, Bolivia, Chili, and Rio-Plata was made current at the rate of Four Shillings and four Pence Sterling, by Proclamation of the 27th May 1834, issued in consequence of Instructions to that effect contained in a Despatch from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State, dated 5th April 1834.

The Sicilian Dollar, which formerly passes current at the same rate as the Malta Dollar namely at two Scudi & 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.	^{Twentythree of} " 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.	

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 Commandite) not amounting to £20000 Sterling; they are not received by the Government Departments, and are issued more for the convenience 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 $1/8^{\text{th}}$ Stg.

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.

									Loivi
								Scupesa	18
								Sedicesimo	2
									36
								Octavo	2
									4
									72
								Quarta	2
									4
									8
									144
								Oncia	4
									8
									16
									32
									576
								Libbra	12
									48
									96
									192
									384
									6912
								* Rotolo	2 1/2
									30
									120
									240
									480
									960
									17280
								Pesa	5
									12 1/2
									150
									600
									1200
									2400
									4800
									86400
								Cantaro	20
									100
									250
									3000
									12000
									24000
									48000
									96000
									1728000

For Gold Silver Lead Various Stones &c.

* A Rotolo is equal to 1 1/2 Lb. English.

A Cantaro is equal to 175 Lbs English.

Weights 2.

									Loivi
								Quarta	144
								Oncia	4
									576
								Rotolo	30
									120
									17280
								Pesa	5
									150
									600
									26400
								Cantaro	20
									100
									3000
									12000
									1728000
								Pesata or Quintale	3
									60
									300
									9000
									36000
									5134000

For all descriptions of Dry Goods.

Firewood is sold by the Pesata of three Cantars.

MEASURES.

Dry Measure

				1/2 Misura	Lumini
			Misura	2	10
		Mendillo	10	20	100
	Tumolo	6	60	120	600
	Tarco	4	24	240	2400
* Salma	4	16	96	960	9600

For all Grain and Pulse
Mensure. Wheat, Salt &
various kinds of Beans.

* 1 Salma is equal to about 7 3/4 Bushels Imperial Measure.
Wheat and Barley are sold by the Striched and all others by the Heaped Measure.

Long Measure

			Linca	Panti
			Linca	12
		Pelle	12	144
	3 Palme	12	144	1728
+ Canne	8	96	1152	13824

For all Long
Cotton, Rope &c.

3 1/2 Palme make an English Yard and
12 Palme in length and 1 in Thickness make a tratta by
which measure Ship Timber and Beams for houses are sold
+ 256 Square Canne are equal to 1 Tumolo of Land
16 Square Tumoli = 1 Salma
The Salma is equal to 4.44 English Acres

Liquid Measure 1.

						Mezza Pinta	Pinta	2
							Pinta	2
							Forze	2
							Mezzo	2
							Quartuccio	2
							Mezzo Quartuccio	9/2
							Quartuccio	2
							Mezzo Quartuccio	2
							Barile	2
							Pipa	11
							Botte	2

For all Liquids, Oil, Milk
and honey weighed

‡ The Barrel is about equal to 9.37 Imperial Gallons.

Liquid Measure 2.

						Misura	Quartini
						Misura	4
						Forze	2 1/2
						Mezzo	2
						Quartuccio	2
						Quarta	4
						1/2 Cafiso	2
						1/2 Cafiso	2
						Barile	2

For Oil and Milk

‡ A Cafiso is about equal to 4.33 Imperial Gallons