

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. 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 Pence per Dollur 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.	sterling per Ounce of 2 1/2 Dollar
Naples	3. 5.	per Ducat of 100 Grains
Leghorn	4. 2.	per Gold Dollar
Genoa	0. 8.	per Lira Suori Banco
Genoa	0. 9 1/2.	per Lira Nuova
Trieste	2. 1.	per Florin
Marsilles	0. 9 1/2.	per Franc.

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 Octob: 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 conse-
quence 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 passed 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.

		Sixths 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 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 on 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 $1\frac{1}{2}$ 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.

						Lucci		
				Tropesa		18		
				Sedicesimo		2	36	
				Ottavo		2	4	72
		Quarta		2	4	8	144	
		Uncia		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	26400	
Cantaro	20	100	250	3000	12000	24000	48000	1728000

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

• A Rotolo is equal to 1 1/4 Lb English

• A Cantaro is equal to 175 Lbs English

Weights 2.

						Lucci		
				Quarta		144		
				Uncia		4	576	
		Rotolo		30	120	17280		
		Pesa		5	150	600	26400	
		Cantaro		20	100	3000	12000	1728000
8	Pesata or Quintale	3	60	300	9000	36000	5184000	

For all description of Dry Goods.

8 Firwood is sold by the Pesata of three Cantars.

