

LOCAL REVENUES.

RETURN of all LOCAL REVENUES raised and appropriated under the Authority

Monte di Pietà

REVENUE.	Amount collected.		
<i>Balance on the 31st December 1834</i>	£	3024	16
<i>Rents and other Proceeds of Property of the Monte di Pietà</i>	£	65	3/4
<i>Interest of Money lent on Pawns</i>		1164	17 9/4
<i>Fees on Pawn Tickets &c</i>		26	18 7/4
<i>Recovery on account of arrear debts</i>		34	18 1/4
<i>From the local Treasury the value of three tenements of the Monte di Pietà contiguous to the "Cavaliere S. James" which were totally demolished by the Ordnance Dep^y in 1829</i>		100	—
	£	1391	14 10
<i>Rents and other Proceeds of Property of the Redenzione branch</i>		1261	— 9
	£	3252	15 7
<i>Recovery of Money lent on Pawns</i>		1655	1 9 2
<i>Surplus from Sale of unredeemed Pawns</i>		243	11 — 3/4
<i>Loans raised at 3 per cent Interest</i>		1195	16 8
<i>Deposits or Loans without Interest</i>		535	19 3/4
<i>Recovery on account of Money lent to the Monte di Pietà of Gozo</i>		80	—
<i>Rents and other proceeds of Property of the Hospital of S^t. Spirito</i>		395	11 9
<i>Rent and other proceeds of Property of the Consolidated Private Charities</i>		790	3 —
		23045	6 2 3/4
	£	26070	2 2 3/4

The Monte di Pietà of Malta was established in the Year 1597, and like all Institutions of the sort in other parts of Europe, particularly at Rome, with the object of affording

of any Municipal or other Body, nor accounted for in the General Revenue of the Colony

and Redenzione

EXPENDITURE.	Amount expended.		
<i>Repairs of Landed property of the Monte di Pietà including Burthens on the Same</i>	£	79	3 3/4
<i>Interest of Money borrowed at, and a small portion under 3 per Cent.</i>		1046	12 3/4
<i>Salaries and extra Salary</i>		661	5 6/8
<i>Stationery and other Office expenses.</i>		12	15 11
<i>Charges attending the recovery on account of an arrear debt</i>		10	6 11 3/4
	£	1340	4 3/4
<i>Repairs and Incidental Charges of the Landed Property of the Redenzione branch, including Burthens, Salaries, Culture of some unlet Farms & Office expenses, as well as £500 Annual Donation to the House of Industry</i>		1274	10 1
	£	3115	2 1 3/4
<i>Money lent on Pawns</i>	£	16325 16 8	
<i>Restored on account of Surplus derived from the Sale of Pawns</i>		249	5 3/4
<i>Repayment of Loans, at 3 per Cent Interest</i>		456	2 2/4
<i>— of Deposits on Loans without Interest</i>		3421	5
<i>Disbursements on account of the "Hospital of Santo Spirito"</i>		400	10 3/4
<i>Disbursements on account of the "Consolidated Private Charities"</i>		760	9 1 3/4
		21613	1 5 3/4
	£	24728	3 7 3/4
<i>Balance remaining on the 31st Decemb 1835</i>		1341	10 7 3/4
	£	26070	2 2 3/4

pecuniary relief to the distressed at reasonable interest thereby preventing them from having recourse to usurious Contracts. Any sum of Money, however small is advanced

to the applicants on the security of property given in pawn, such as gold silver and other precious Articles, or wearing apparel, whether worn or new. The period of the loan is for three years on pawns of the first description and never more than two on those of the latter, renewable at the option of the parties, who are also at liberty to redeem their pawns at any time within the period on payment of interest in proportion. The rate of Interest now charged is 6 per cent per Annum. The unclaimed pawns, at the expiration of the period, are sold by public Auction, and the residue of the proceeds, after deducting the sum due to the Institution, is payable to the person producing the respective Ticket. Of the accommodation thus afforded by the Monte not unfrequently persons in better circumstances have availed for any momentary exigency, and in this way considerable sums have been advanced. Till the Year 1787 the operations of this Institution were conducted by means of money borrowed at a moderate Interest, and by funds acquired by donations &c. But the Grand Master Rohan authorized the consolidation of the Funds of the Monte di Pietà with those of the Monte di Redenzione another Institution equally national founded in the Year 1607, by private donations and bequests, for the philanthropic object of rescuing from Slavery any of the Natives who might fall into the hands of Mahomedans, not having means of Ransom. As this Institution had larger funds (mostly in landed property) than is actually required to meet all demands, the act of consolidation proved of the greatest advantage to the Monte di Pietà - Thus united the two Institutions with the new title of Monte di Pietà e Redenzione conducted their separate duties under the Superintendance of a Board consisting of a President and eight Commissioners till the expulsion of the Order of S. John from Malta which happened in the Year 1798 The French Republicans by whom the Island was then occupied stripped the Monte of every Article whether in money or pawns, and the loss sustained by the Institution on that unfortunate occasion amounted nearly to £ 35000. Sterling including the share of the proprietors of pawns, in ^{as much} the advance they received on that security never exceeded one half or two thirds of the value of the Articles pawned. It is needless to state that not a Shilling of this sum was repaid by the French Government after the restoration of their

legitimate Monarchs.

When the British Forces took possession of La Valletta in Sept: 1800, it was one of the first cares of the head of the Government to see this useful Institution resume its operation: accordingly a new Board was elected and about Four thousand Pounds advanced to them (without interest) from the local Treasury. A Loan was opened to which Individuals did not hesitate to contribute when they were assured that the Institution considered itself bound to pay the old Loan though forming part of the amount carried away by the French and that in the mean time interest would be paid on it. The Monte possessing landed property to a much greater amount could never refuse such an act of justice. Happily the reputation of Slavery having put an end to the old charge for ransoms enabled the Institution to devote its revenues to the payment of Interest on the old Loan to the extinction of part of the Capital to the improvement of its property, and, for the last twelve Years, to assign a subsidy of £ 500 per Ann. to the House of Industry.

There is another Monte di Pietà at Gozo established by the late Sir Alexander Ball about Thirty-two Years ago, but its operations are extremely limited, in as much as it possesses no funds of its own worth mentioning, and has no other Capital at its disposal but 1620 Dollars borrowed from the Monte di Pietà e Rendizione of Malta at the Interest of 3 per Cent per Annum.

The first part of the paper is devoted to a general
 consideration of the subject, and to a statement of the
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