

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 $50 \frac{13}{100}$ Pence per Dollar of Exchange of $4 \frac{1}{2}$ ²

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

Upon Sicily	10.4	sterling per Cune of $2 \frac{1}{2}$ Dollars
Naples	3.5	" per Ducat of 100 grains
Leghorn	4.2	" per Gold Dollar
Genoa	0.8	" per Lira fuori Banco
Trieste	0.9 $\frac{1}{2}$	" per Lira nuova
Marseilles	0.9 $\frac{1}{2}$	" per Franc.

Gold - None in Circulation

Silver - British Crown - Half Crown Shilling and Six Penny Pieces.

Spanish Pillared Dollar

Dollar of the South American States -

Sicilian Dollar and half Dollar Pieces -

Malta 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 $\frac{1}{5}$ 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 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 their 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 Scudi of
The Sicilian Half Dollar ..	2. 1	¹ / ₂ penny
The Malta Dollar ..	4. 2	—
The Malta half Dollar ..	2. 1	—
— Two Scudi Piece ..	3. 4	—
— One Scudo ..	1. 8	—
— Six tari pieces ..	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 Comandite) not amounting to £20,000 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 -

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 $\frac{1}{8}$ £.

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.

								Trapesa	18							
								Sedicesimo	2	36						
								Octavo	2	4	72					
								Quarta	2	4	8	144				
								Onzia	4	8	16	32	576			
								Libbra	12	48	96	192	384	6912		
								* Rotolo	2½	30	120	240	480	960	17280	
								Pesa	5	12½	150	600	1,200	2,400	4800	86,400
‡ Cantaro	20	100	250	3,000	12,000	24,000	48,000	96,000	1728,000							

For Gold Silver Pearl Precious Stones, &c.

* A Rotolo is equal to 1½ Lt English

‡ A Cantaro is equal to 175 Lt English

Weights 2.

								Quarta	144				
								Onzia	4	576			
								Rotolo	30	120	17280		
								Pesa	5	150	600	86,400	
								Cantaro	20	100	3,000	12,000	1728,000
‡ Pesata or Quintale	3	60	300	9000	36,000	5184,000							

For all description of Dry Goods

‡ Firwood is sold by the Pesata of three Cantars

MEASURES.

Dry Measure

				1/2 Misura	5
			Misura	2	10
		Mundello	10	20	100
	Tomolo	6	60	120	600
	Sauo	4	24	240	1440
* Salina	4	16	96	960	9600

For all Grain and Salt
Almonds, Olives, Salt &
various Seeds and Charcoal

* 1 Salina 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

				Punta	12
			Polino	12	144
* 3/4 Salina	12	144	1728		
* Canna	8	96	1152	13824	

For Cloth Lines
Cotton, Hemp &c.

3/4 Salina makes an English Yard and
12 Salina in length and 1 in thickness makes a tratta by which
measures Ship Timber and Beam-poles are sold
* 256 Square Canna are equal to 1 Tomolo of Land
16 Square Tomolo = 1 Salina
The Salina is equal to 4.46 English Acres -

Liquid Measure 1.

						Mettalotta	
						Punta	2
				Torlo	2	4	
			Metto	2	4	8	
		Quartuccio	2	4	8	16	
		Metta Quartara	9 1/2	19	38	76	152
		Quartara	2	19	38	76	152
	1/2 Barile	2	4	38	76	152	304
	Pipa	11	22	44	418	836	1672
Botte	2	22	44	88	836	1672	3344
							6688
							13376

For all Liquids, Oil, Milk
and Honey excepted

* The Barrel is about equal to 9.37 Imperial Gallons

Liquid Measure 2.

						Quartuccio	
						Misura	4
				Torlo	2 1/2	10	
			Metto	2	5	20	
		Quartuccio	2	4	10	40	
		Quarta	4	8	16	40	160
	1/2 Capiso	2	8	16	32	80	320
	1 Capiso	2	4	16	32	64	160
Barile	2	4	8	32	64	128	320
							1280

For Oil and Milk

* 1 Capiso is about equal to 4.38 Imperial Gallons