

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 Commisary in pursuance of his instructions from the Lords Commissioners of Her 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 $49\frac{1}{4}$ Pence per Dollar 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 ²	sterling per Ounce of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Dollar.
Naples	.....	3. 5.	per Ducat of 100 Grains.
Leyhour	.....	4. 2.	per Gold Dollar.
Genoa	.....	0. 8.	per Lira fuori Banco
Genoa	.....	0. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$.	per Lira nuova.
Trieste	.....	2. 1.	per Florin
Marseilles	.....	0. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$.	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 $\frac{1}{5}$ 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 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 the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, 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 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 ^s 2 ^d -	^{Twelfths of} a penny -
The Sicilian Half Dollar	2 ^s 1 ^d -	
The Malta Dollar	4 ^s 2 ^d -	
The Malta Half Dollar	2 ^s 1 ^d -	
Two Scudi Pieces	3 ^s 4 ^d -	
One Scudo	1 ^s 8 ^d -	
Six tari pieces	0 ^s 10 ^d -	
Four	0 ^s 6 ^d 8 ^{ths} -	
Two	0 ^s 3 ^d 4 ^{ths} -	
One	0 ^s 1 ^d 8 ^{ths} -	

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 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.

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

									Loeci
									Trapesa 18
									Sedicesimo 2 36
									Octavo 2 4 42
									Quarta 2 4 8 144
									Oncia 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 1200 2400 4800 86400
*									Cantaro 20 100 250 3000 12000 24000 48000 96000 1728000

For Gold Silver Pearls Precious Stones, &c.

‡ A rotolo is equal to 1¼ Lb. English.

* A Cantaro is equal to 175 Lbs English

Weights, 2.

									Loeci
									Quarta 144
									Oncia 4 576
									Rotolo 50 120 17280
									Pesa 5 150 600 86400
									Cantaro 20 100 3000 12000 1728000
Ⓟ									Pesata or Quintale 3 60 300 9000 36000 5184000

For all description of dry goods.

Ⓟ Firewood is sold by the Pesata of three Cantars

