

**EXCHANGES, MONIES, WEIGHTS,**

AND

**MEASURES.**

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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 average rate of the Commercial Exchange during the last Year has been 49 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Pence per Dollar of Exchange of 4 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> <sup>d</sup> —

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

Upon Marseilles ... 9 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Sterling per Franc

Genoa ... 9 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> ... Lira nuova

Trieste ... 2/0 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>12</sub> ... Florin of Augusta

Venice ... 4 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>12</sub> ... Lira (Austrian)

Leghorn ... 8 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>12</sub> ... Lira (Florentine)

Naples ... 3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> <sup>10</sup>/<sub>12</sub> ... Ducat

Messina

Palermo } 10 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> ... Ounce

Catania }

## COINS.

Gold None in Circulation—

Silver British Crown, Half Crown, Shilling, Six Penny & Three 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 Sterl. by Proclamati<sup>n</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup> October 1825, issued in consequence of an Order in Council bearing date the 23<sup>d</sup> of March 1825—

The Dollar of Mexico, Peru, Bolivia, Chili, and Rio Plata was made current at the rate of Four Shillings & four Pence Stg by Proclamati<sup>n</sup> of the 27<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>s</sup> 2 <sup>d</sup>	Two-thirds of a penny
The Sicilian Half Dollar	2 1	
The Malta Dollar	4 2	
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Two Scudi Pieces	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 conveniency of the Commercial Body than with a view to 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 25<sup>th</sup> December 1825.) keep their Accounts and conduct their Cash transactions in Sterling, in the same manner as in England.

WEIGHTS.

Weights 1?

									Cocci
								Trappesa	18
								Sedicesimo	2
								Octavo	2
								Quarta	2
								Oncia	4
								Libbra	12
								Rotolo	2½
								Pesa	5
								Cantaro	20
									100
									250
									3000
									12000
									24000
									48000
									96000
									1728000

For Gold Silver Pearl Precious Stones, &c.

- ‡ A Rotolo is equal to 1¼ Lb English.
- \* A Cantaro is equal to 175 Lbs English.

Weights 2?

									Cocci
								Quarta	144
								Oncia	4
								Rotolo	50
								Pesa	5
								Cantaro	20
								Pesata or Quintale	3
									60
									300
									9000
									36000
									5184000

For all description of dry goods.

- \* Firewood is sold by the Pesata of three Cantars.

MEASURES.

Dry Measure					Lumini	
			Misura	2	10	
		Mondello	10	20	100	
		Tumolo	6	60	120	600
	Sacco	4	24	240	480	2400
*	Salma	4	16	96	960	9600

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

\* 1 Salma is equal to about 7 3/4 Bushels Imperial Measure

Long Measure

				Punti	
			Linea	12	
			Pollice	12	144
		Palmo	12	144	1728
+	Canna	8	96	1152	13824

For Cloth Linen  
Cotton Stone &c.

17 3 1/2 Palmi make an English Yard and  
12 Palmi in length and 1 in thickness make a batta by which  
measure Ship Timber and Beams for houses are sold  
+ 256 Square Canne are equal to 1 Tumolo of Sand  
16 Square Tumoli = 1 Salma  
The Salma is equal to 4.44 English Acres

Liquid Measure 1.

							Mezza Pinta	
						Pinta	2	
						Torzo	2	4
						Mezzo	2	4
						Quartuccio	2	4
						Mezza Quartuccio	9 1/2	19
						Quartuccio	2	19
							38	76
							152	304
						Barile	2	4
							38	76
							152	304
							608	1216
						Pipa	11	22
							44	88
							176	352
							704	1408
						Botte	2	22
							44	88
							176	352
							704	1408

For all Liquids, Oil Milk and  
Honey excepted

+ The Barrel is about equal to 9 3/4 Imperial Gallons.

Liquid Measure 2 -

							Quartini	
						Misura	4	
						Torzo	2 1/2	10
						Mezzo	2	5
						Quartuccio	2	4
						Quarta	4	8
						1/2 Capiso	2	8
							16	32
						Capiso	2	4
							16	32
						Barile	2	4
							8	16
							32	64
							128	256
							320	640
							1280	2560

For Oil and Milk

u A Capiso is about equal to 4.38 Imperial Gallons