

**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 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>d</sup> <sub>2</sub>	Sterling per Franc
Genoa	9 <sup>d</sup> <sub>2</sub>	Lira nuova
Trieste	2 <sup>s</sup> - <sup>1</sup> / <sub>12</sub>	Florin of Augusta
Venice	4 <sup>s</sup> <sup>5</sup> / <sub>12</sub>	Lira (Austrian)
Seghorn	8 <sup>s</sup>	Lira (Florentine)
Naples	3 <sup>s</sup> <sup>10</sup> / <sub>12</sub>	Ducat
Messina	10 <sup>s</sup> <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	Ounce
Palermo		
Catania		

## COINS.

Gold — None in Circulation.

Silver — British Crown, Half Crown, Shilling Six Penny, Four and 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  $\frac{1}{3}$  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 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 Sty. by Proclamation of the 27<sup>th</sup> May 1834, issued in consequence of instructions to that effect contained in a Despatch from the Principal Secret. 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 2	<small>Two thirds of a penny</small>
The Sicilian Half Dollar	2 1	
The Malta Dollar	4 2	
The Malta Half Dollar	2 1	
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 in commandite) 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 N. 1.

Libri

Scappese

Sedicesimo

Octavo

Quarta

Oncia

Libbra

Rotolo

Pesa

Cantaro

								18
							2	36
						2	4	32
					2	4	8	144
					4	8	16	576
			12	48	96	192	384	6912
	2½	30	120	240	480	960	17280	
	5	12½	150	600	1200	2400	4800	86400
20	100	250	3000	12000	24000	48000	96000	1728000

For Gold Silver Pearl Precious Stones, &c.

- \* A Rotolo is equal to 13¼ Lb English
- \* A Cantaro is equal to 175 Lbs English
- \* A Cantaro of Cotton-Wool is 11¼ Rotoli, equal to 149½ Lbs English

Weights 2-

Libri

Quarta

Oncia

Rotolo

Pesa

Cantaro

Pesata or Quintale

								144
							4	576
						30	120	17280
					5	150	600	86400
			20	100	3000	12000	1728000	
	3	60	300	9000	36000	5184000		

For all Description of dry Goods -

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

MEASURES.

Dry Measure

			<i>misura</i>	$\frac{1}{2}$ <i>misura</i>	<i>Lumini</i>
				2	5
					10
	<i>Mondello</i>	10	20		100
	<i>Tumolo</i>	6	60	120	600
	<i>Sacco</i>	4	24	240	2400
*	<i>Salmò</i>	4	16	96	960
				960	9600

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

\* 1 *Salmò* is equal to about  $7 \frac{3}{8}$  Bushels Imperial Measure

Long Measure

			<i>Linea</i>	<i>Punti</i>
			12	12
				144
	<i>Pollice</i>	12	144	1728
	$\frac{1}{2}$ <i>Palmò</i>	12	144	1728
+	<i>Canna</i>	8	96	1152
				13824

For Cloth Linen  
Cotton Stone &c.

$\frac{1}{3}$   $\frac{3}{8}$  *Palmi* make an English Yard. and  
12 *Palmi* in length and 1 in thickness make a *tratta* by which  
measure Ship Timber and Beams for houses are sold  
+ 256 Square *Canne* are equal to 1 *Tumolo* of Land.  
16 Square *Tumoli* ———— 1 *Salmò*  
The *Salmò* is equal to  $4 \frac{1}{4}$  English Acres

Liquid Measure 1.

					<i>Mezza</i>	<i>Pinta</i>	
							2
							4
							8
							16
							32
							64
							128
							256
							512
							1024
							2048
							4096
							8192
							16384
							32768
							65536
							131072
							262144
							524288
							1048576
							2097152
							4194304
							8388608
							16777216
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							268435456
							536870912
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							4294967296
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