

COURSE OF EXCHANGE

EXCHANGES, MONEYS, 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.

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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 $49\frac{3}{4}$ Pence per Dollar of Exchange of $4\frac{1}{2}$ ^{d.} and for Bills at 60 Days Sight.

The following are the average rates of Exchange with the principal Ports of the Mediterranean, at 30 Days Sight.

Upon Marseilles	$9\frac{1}{2}$	sterling per franc
Genoa	$9\frac{1}{2}$	— — — Lira nuova
Trieste	$2\frac{1}{12}$	— — — Florin of Augusta
Venice	$4\frac{5}{12}$	— — — Lira (Austrian)
Leghorn	8	— — — Lira (Florentine)
Naples	$3\frac{1}{4}\frac{10}{12}$	— — — Ducat
Messina	$10\frac{1}{3}\frac{3}{8}$	— — — Ounce
Palermo		
Catania		

COINS.

Gold - None in Circulation.

Silver - British Crown, Half Crown, Shilling, Six Penny, Four Penny, and Three Penny Pieces.

Spanish Pillared Dollar $4\frac{1}{2}$

Dollar of the South American States $4\frac{1}{2}$

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 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 were made current at the rate of four Shillings & four Pence, Stg 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 $4\ 2\text{.}$

The Sicilian half Dollar $2\ 1\text{.}$

The Malta Dollar $4\ 2\text{.}$

The Malta Half Dollar $2\ 1\text{.}$

Two Scudi Pieces $3\ 4\text{.}$

One Scudo $1\ 8\text{.}$

Six tari pieces $0\ 18\text{.}$

Four $0\ 6\ 8$ Two thirds of a penny

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; — the ^{1/2} ^{1/2}

~~the greater portion of the Silver coin
being Sicilian Dollars, which, not being
a legal tender, are not received by
the Government Departments, but
are received and paid by the Banks
and are in general current among
the note of Two Denari and Six Denari
of Malta, equal to Four Shillings
and Two Pence Sterling each.~~

AMOUNT OF PAPER CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION.

The only Paper Currency in Circulation consists of the Notes of two separate Banks (established in 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^o Grains are equal to 1 Tari —

12 Tari _____ 1 Scudo equal to 1/8^o 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.

12 Tari	= 1 Sc				
	= 1/8				
	= -/20				
1 Tari	= 20				
	= 1/4				
1 Scudo	= 12 Tari				
	= 1/8 Stg				
240 Gr	= 1 Sc				

WEIGHTS.

Weights N^o. 1.

									Loeci
								Trappese	18
								Sedicesimo	2
								Octavo	2
								Quarta	2
								Oncia	4
								Sibbia	12
								Rotolo	2 1/2
								Pesa	5
								Cantaro	20
	20	100	250	3000	12000	24000	48000	96000	1728000

For Gold Silver Pearls, Precious Stones, &c.

- r A Rotolo is equal to 1 3/4 Lbs English
- r A Cantaro is equal to 175 Lbs English
- r A Cantaro of Cotton-Wool is 114 Rotoli, equal to 199 1/2 Lbs English

Weights N^o. 2.

									Loeci
								Quarta	144
								Oncia	4
								Rotolo	30
								Pesa	5
								Cantaro	20
								Pesata or Quintate	3
	3	60	300	9000	36000	5184000			

For all description of dry Goods

r Firewood is sold by the Pesata of three Cantars —

