

**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.

COURSE OF EXCHANGE.

The following are the average rates of the Commercial Exchange for the Year 1850.

Genoa	$9^{\frac{1}{2}}$	Meeting per Lira (nuova)	at 30 days sight
Lepore	$7^{\frac{10}{12}}$	Lira Fiorentina	at 30
* London	$49^{\frac{3}{4}}$	Dollar of $4^{\frac{1}{2}}$	at 30
Marseilles	$9^{\frac{1}{2}}$	Franc	at 30
Messina	$10^{\frac{1}{4}}$	Once	at 30
Naples	$3^{\frac{5}{8}}$	Quint	at 30
Palermo	$10^{\frac{3}{4}}$	Once	at 30
Trieste	$1^{\frac{3}{4}}$	Florin of Augusta	at 30
Venice	nil	Lira Austriaca	at 30

The Commissary General receives on the 8th, 18th and 28th of each month tenders of British Silver, South American, Spanish Pillared or Sicilian Dollars for Bills at 30 days sight on the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury; The average premium on these negotiations was $1^{\frac{1}{2}}$ per £100.

For the total premium — See page 54.

* Nominal

State of the ... from ...
Notes in ...

COINS.

Gold - Sovereigns +

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

Spanish Pillared Dollar ————— 4' 2"

Dollar of the South American States — 4' 2"

Sicilian Dollar ————— 4'

Maltese Dollar ————— 4' 2"

————— Half Dollar ————— 2' 1"

————— Two Scudi Piece ————— 3' 4"

————— One Scudo ————— 1' 8"

————— Six tari Piece ————— 10"

————— Four ————— 1' ¹/₁₂

————— Two ————— 3' ⁴/₁₂

————— One ————— 1' ¹/₁₂

Copper - British Penny, half Penny, Farthing
 and Grain, Piece, the latter of the
 value of ¹/₃ of a Farthing.

+ very few in circulation

• 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 ^{vi} ~~only~~ Paper Currency in circulation consists of ~~the~~ notes of ~~two~~ ^{five} separate Banks (established in comarante) ~~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 to profit.

These Banks are considered very solid and are conducted in a safe and regular manner.

British Paper Currency may be calculated at about £

The local notes of ^{British} ~~the~~ ~~Bank~~ are ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~used~~ ^{used} ~~much~~ ^{not much} in use in Malta.

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 $1\frac{1}{2}$ Sterl.

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.

Commercial

~~Merchants accounts are kept generally in~~

Maltese Currency ^{or} ~~or~~ ~~Dollars~~

~~Dollars~~

~~Government accounts are kept in British~~

~~Currency —~~

~~Not - The Rates at which foreign coins are~~

~~British Money 20 Grains are used in making~~

~~at the rate of 4/6~~

~~Colonial at 4/6 : ?~~

For Rates v. p.

WEIGHTS.

Weights No. 1.

Mis

								<i>Scappesa</i>	10	
								<i>Selicesimo</i>	2	36
							<i>Octavo</i>	2	4	72
						<i>Quarta</i>	2	4	8	144
			<i>Uncia</i>	4	1	16	32			576
	<i>Sibbia</i>	12	48	96	192	384				6912
<i>R</i>	<i>Rotolo</i>	2 1/2	30	120	240	480	960			17280
	<i>Pesa</i>	5	12 1/2	150	600	1200	2400	4800		86400
<i>c</i>	<i>Centaro</i>	20	100	250	3000	12000	24000	48000	96000	1728000

For Gold, Silver, Pear, Precious Stones &c.

- (R) A Rotolo is equal to 1 1/2 lb English.
- (C) A Centaro is equal to 175 lb English.
- A Centaro of Cotton wool is 144 Rotoli, equal to 199 1/2 lb English.

Weights No. 2.

								<i>Uncia</i>	144
							<i>Uncia</i>	4	576
						<i>Rotolo</i>	30	120	17280
			<i>Pesa</i>	5	150	600			26400
		<i>Centaro</i>	20	100	3000	12000			1728000
<i>P</i>	<i>Pesata or Quintale</i>	3	60	300	9000	36000			5184000

For all description of dry Goods

P Fire wood is sold by the Pesata of three Centars.

MEASURES.

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Dry Measure.

				Semin					
				1/2 misura	5				
				misura	2	10			
				mondelle	10	100			
				Tumole	6	60	120	600	
				Sacco	4	24	240	480	2400
* Salma				4	16	96	960	1920	9600

For all Grain and Pulse
Almonds, Olives, Salt and
various Seeds and Beans

* 1 Salma is equal to $7 \frac{1}{2}$ Bushels Imperial Measure.

Long Measure

				Punti			
				Linea	12		
				Pollici	12	144	
* Palmi				12	144	1728	
c Canna				8	96	1152	13824

For Cloth Linnen
Cotton Stone, &c.

- e 3 1/2 Palmi make an English Yard, and
12 Palmi in length and 1 in thickness make a "Natta" by which
measure Ship timber and beams for houses are sold
c 736 Square Canne are equal to 1 Tumole of Land.
16 Square Tumole = 1 Salma.
The Salma is equal to 4.44 English Acres.

Liquid Measure 1.

				Mezza Pint								
				Pinta		2						
				Taga	2	4	8					
				Mezzo	2	4	8					
				Quartuccio	2	4	8					
				Mezzo Quartuccio	9 1/2	19	38	76	152			
				Quartuccio	2	19	38	76	152	304		
B Barile				2	4	38	76	152	304	608		
Vipa				11	22	44	418	836	1672	3344	6688	
Netto				2	22	44	88	836	1672	3344	6688	13376

For all Liquids, Oil, Milk
and Honey excepted.

B The Barrel is about equal to 9.77 Imperial Gallons.

Liquid Measure 2.

				Quartuccio							
				Misura		4					
				Taga	2 1/2	10	40				
				Mezzo	2	5	20				
				Quartuccio	2	4	10	40			
				Quarta	4	8	16	40	160		
1/2 Lufico				2	8	16	32	80	320		
* Lufico				2	4	16	32	64	160	640	
Barile				2	4	8	32	64	128	320	1280

For Oil and Milk

* A Lufico is about equal to 4.77 Imperial Gallons.