

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.

Place	Drawer	At		1853		Average		1853 compared with 1852	
		Light	Date	Maximum	Minimum	1852	1853	Greater	Less
London	Government	30	—	50 $\frac{3}{8}$	49 $\frac{7}{8}$	49 $\frac{3}{16}$.. 708	50 .. 0 .. 722	—	0 $\frac{3}{8}$.. 736
	Commerce	—	90	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	50 $\frac{1}{8}$	50 $\frac{3}{8}$.. 908	50 $\frac{7}{16}$ 746	—	0 $\frac{1}{8}$.. 758
Marseilles	Government	10	—	114	112 $\frac{1}{2}$	113 .. 852	113 .. 127	—	0 .. 725
	Commerce	30	—	115	112 $\frac{1}{2}$	114 .. 374	113 .. 113	—	1 .. 261
	Commerce	—	90	113	111 $\frac{1}{2}$	113 .. 153	112 .. 222	—	0 .. 931
Genoa	Commerce	30	—	114	112	113 .. 631	112 .. 868	—	0 .. 763
	Commerce	—	90	112 $\frac{3}{8}$	111 $\frac{1}{2}$	112 .. 864	112 .. 033	—	0 .. 831
Leghorn	Commerce	30	—	95 $\frac{1}{4}$	93 $\frac{1}{2}$	94 .. 813	94 .. 828	0 .. 015	—
	Commerce	—	90	95	92 $\frac{1}{2}$	93 .. 613	94 .. 008	0 .. 393	—
Triest	Commerce	30	—	260	240	236 .. 834	230 .. 728	14 .. 094	—
	Commerce	—	90	250	235	230 .. 600	237	6 .. 400	—
Naples	Commerce	21	—	25	24 $\frac{1}{4}$	24 .. 679	24 .. 752	0 .. 073	—
Messina Palermo	Commerce	21	—	75	73 $\frac{1}{4}$	74 .. 485	74 .. 276	—	0 .. 209

COINS.

Gold - Doubleons

Sovereigns

Silver - British crown, Half crown, Florins, Shillings,
Six Penny, Four Penny, Three Penny, and
Penny, half Penny, Pieces.

	Government			Commerce		
	£	s	d.	£	s	d.
* Spanish Dollar	..	4	2	..	4	4
* Dollar of the South American States	..	4	2	..	4	4
* Sicilian Dollar	..	4	..	..	4	2
Five Franc. Piece of France	..	3	11	..	4	..
Maltese Dollar	..	4	..	..	4	2
Half Dollar	..	2	..	..	2	1
Two Scudi Piece	..	3	2 ⁴ / ₁₀₀	..	3	4
* One Scudo	..	1	7 ² / ₁₀₀	..	1	8
Six Tari Piece	9 ⁰ / ₁₀₀	..	..	10
Four - " - "	6 ⁴ / ₁₀₀	..	..	6 ¹ / ₂
Two - " - "	3 ² / ₁₀₀	..	..	3 ¹ / ₂
One - " - "	1 ⁰ / ₁₀₀	..	..	1 ¹ / ₂

Theagio on these coins at present is very high

Copper - British Penny, half Penny, Farthing, and Grain.

* At present there are very few in circulation.

Under Queen's Proclamation, 13th November 1850
Promulgated 10th March 1851

<u>British Coins</u>	Rate in		
	<u>Maltese Currency</u>		
	Scudi	Tari	Grains
Sovereign	12	6	..
Half Sovereign	6	3	..
crown	3	1	10
Half crown	1	6	15
Shilling	..	7	10
Six Pence	..	3	15
Four Pence	..	2	10
Three Pence	..	1	17 ¹ / ₂
Penny	..	..	12 ¹ / ₂

<u>Foreign Coins</u>	Rate in		
	<u>Maltese Currency</u>		
	Scudi	Tari	Grains
Doubleon of Spain, Mexico, & South America	40	..	..
Dollar of Spain, Mexico, & South America	2	7	5
Dollar of the Two Sicilies	2	6	..
Five Franc. Piece of France	2	5	7 ¹ / ₂

AMOUNT OF COIN IN CIRCULATION.

About £500,000.

AMOUNT OF PAPER CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION.

There is a Paper Currency in circulation consisting of Notes of the two Banks (established en Commandite), not exceeding in all £20,000 Sterling.

These Banks are considered solid and are conducted in a safe and regular manner. The Circulating Notes of English Bankers are treated commercially and not much in use in Gallic.

The Amount of British Paper Currency is very trifling.

ACCOUNTS KEPT IN.

Government
In Sterling

Commerce
In Sterling - and
Maltese Currency
(Scudi).

WEIGHTS

WEIGHTS No. 1.

								Cocci		
							Trappesa	18		
						Sedicesimo	2	36		
					Octavo	2	4	72		
				Quarta	2	4	8	144		
			Oncia	4	8	16	32	576		
		Libbra		12	48	96	192	384	6,912	
(R)	Rotolo	2½	30	120	240	480	960	17,280		
	Pesa	5	12½	150	600	1,200	2,400	4,800	86,400	
(C)	Cantaro	20	100	250	3,000	12,000	24,000	48,000	96,000	1,728,000

For Gold, Silver, Pearls, Precious Stones &c. See the *Scudo* & *Quadrante* &c.(R) A Rotolo is equal to ^{about} 1½ lb. English.(C) A Cantaro is equal to ^{about} 175 lbs. English.(C) A Cantaro of Cotton wool is 144 Rotoli, equal to ^{about} 199½ lbs. English.

WEIGHTS No. 2.

						Cocci	
					Quarta	144	
				Oncia	4	576	
			Rotolo	30	120	17,280	
		Pesa		5	150	600	86,400
		Octavo	20	100	3,000	12,000	1,728,000
	Pesata or † Quintale	3	60	300	9,000	36,000	5,184,000

For all description of dry Goods.

† Fire wood is sold by the *Pesata* of three Cantars.

A quintale is (about)

MEASURES.

DRY MEASURE.

					Lumini					
					$\frac{1}{2}$ Misura	5				
					Misura	2	10			
					Mondello	10	20	100		
					Tumolo	6	60	120	600	
					Sacco	4	24	240	480	2,400
+ Salma					4	16	96	960	1,920	9,600

+ 1 Salma is equal to 7½ Bushels (Imperial Measure,) 7½ Gallons and 3 Pints.

LONG MEASURE.

					Punti			
					Linea	12		
					Pollici	12	144	
					P Palmi	12	144	1,728
C Canna					8	96	1,152	13,824

- P 3½ 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.
 C 256 Square Canne are equal 1 Tumolo of Land.
 16 Square Tumoli 1 Salma.
 The Salma is equal to 4.44 English Acres

LIQUID MEASURE 1.

					Mezza Pinta								
					Pinta	2							
					Terzo	2	4						
					Mezzo	2	4	8					
					Quartuccio	2	4	8	16				
					Mezza Quartara	9½	19	38	76	152			
					Quartara	2	19	38	76	152	304		
B Barile					2	4	38	76	152	304	608		
Pipa					11	22	44	418	836	1,672	3,344	6,688	
Botte					2	22	44	88	836	1,672	3,344	6,688	13,376

B The Barrel is about equal to 9.37 Imperial Gallons.

LIQUID MEASURE 2.

					Quartini							
					Misura	4						
					Terzo	2½	10					
					Mezza	2	5	20				
					Quartuccio	2	4	10	40			
					Quarta	4	8	16	40	160		
					$\frac{1}{2}$ Cafiso	2	8	16	32	80	320	
* Cafiso					2	4	16	32	64	160	640	
Barile					2	4	8	32	64	128	320	1,280

* A Cafiso is about equal to 4.38 Imperial Gallons.

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

For Cloth, Lanes, Cotton Stouts &c.

For all Liquids, (Oil, Milk and Honey excepted).

For Oil and Milk.