

EXCHANGES, MONEYS, 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.

1854.

Place	at		1854		Average		1854 compared with 1853		Exchange	
	1 <sup>st</sup>	0 <sup>th</sup>	Maxim.	Minim.	1854	1853	Higher	Lower		
London	Government	30	—	51 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	50. —	50 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 500	50. 0 722	—	0 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 778	Pence per 30. Ins. P. Res.
	Commerce	—	30	51 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	50 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	51 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 250	50 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 746	—	0 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> 504	
Barristell	Government	10	—	114 —	112. 500	113. 437	113. 127	0. 310	—	Grains per Franc
	Commerce	30	—	114. 250	112. 750	113. 500	113. 113	0. 387	—	
	— do —	—	30	113 —	111. 750	112. 437	112. 222	0. 215	—	
Leghorn, Commerce	30	—	95 —	92. 750	93. 874	94. 823	—	0. 954	Grains per Lira Sicca	
— do —	—	30	94. 250	92 —	93. 187	94. 006	—	0. 819		
Penza — do —	30	—	113 —	112 —	112. 312	112. 863	—	0. 556	Grains per Lira Russa	
— do —	—	30	112. 500	111. 500	111. 933	112. 033	—	0. 095		
Triest — do —	30	—	260 —	210 —	227. 500	250. 728	—	23. 228	Grains per Florin	
— do —	—	30	250 —	200 —	218. 312	237 —	—	18. 688		
Naples — do —	21	—	26 —	24. 750	25. 187	24. 750	0. 437	—	Taris per Ducat	
Neapoli — do —	21	—	78 —	74. 250	75. 687	74. 276	1. 411	—	Taris per Ounce of P. M.	

A 1 Taric = 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> EnglishB 1 Grain = 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> "



## COINS.

Printed the  
also here 2nd  
0-6 Feb. 1/10/55  
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Gold - Doubloons  
Sovereigns

Silver - British Crown, Half-crown, Florin, Shillings, Six-Penny,  
Four-Penny, Three-Penny, and Penny. Half-penny Pieces

Government - Commerce.

				(Conventional)		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
A Spanish Dollar	0	4	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	4	4
Dollar of the South American States	0	4	2	0	4	4
A Sicilian Dollar	0	4	0	0	4	2
Five-Franc-Piece of France	0	3	11	0	4	0
B Maltese Dollar	0	4	0	0	4	2
	0	2	0	0	2	1
Half Dollar	0	2	0	0	2	1
Two Liridi Pieces	0	3	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>100</sup>	0	3	4
One Lirido	0	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>100</sup>	0	1	8
Six Tari Pieces	0	0	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>100</sup>	0	0	10
Four- " " "	0	0	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>100</sup>	0	0	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Two- " " "	0	0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>100</sup>	0	0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
One- " " "	0	0	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ <sup>100</sup>	0	0	1 $\frac{1}{2}$

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

Under Queen's Proclamation, 13<sup>th</sup> November 1850,  
Promulgated 10<sup>th</sup> March 1851

British Coins

	Rate in Maltese Currency Liridi - Tari - Grains		
Sovereign	12	6	0
Half Sovereign	6	3	0
Crown	3	1	10
Half-crown	1	6	15
Shilling	0	7	10
Six-Pence	0	3	15
Four-Pence	0	2	10
Three Pence	0	1	17 $\frac{1}{2}$
Penny	0	0	12 $\frac{1}{2}$

Foreign Coins

	Rate in Maltese Currency Liridi - Tari - Grains		
Doubloon of Spain, Mexico and South America	40	0	0
Dollar of Spain, Mexico and South America	2	7	5
Dollar of the Two Sicilies	2	6	0
Five-Franc-Piece of France	2	5	7 $\frac{1}{2}$

A The age on these at present is very high

B Very few in circulation

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 Malta.

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## REGISTRATION ACCOUNTS KEPT IN.

Government

In Sterling

CommerceIn Sterling, and  
Shallse Currency  
(Scudi)

WEIGHTS.

WEIGHTS No. 1.

									Cocci						
								Trappesa	18						
								Scdicesimo	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 or quintale	20	100	250	3,000	12,000	24,000	48,000	96,000					1,728,000

For Gold, Silver, Pearls, Precious Stones &c. and all dry goods, except firewood

(R) A Rotolo is equal to 14 lbs. English.

(C) A Cantaro is equal to 175 lbs. English.

(C) A Cantaro of Cotton wool is 144 Rotoli, equal to 199½ lbs. English.

*N.B. Firewood is sold by the pesata = 3 Cantars.*

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

*— No longer in use —*

For all description of dry Goods.

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



MEASURES.

DRY MEASURE.

					<i>Lumini</i>
				$\frac{1}{2}$ Misura	5
				Misura	10
		<i>Mondello</i>	10	20	100
		<i>Tumolo</i>	6	60	600
	<i>Sacco</i>	4	24	240	2,400
	$\dagger$ <i>Salma</i>	4	16	96	960
				960	9,600

$\dagger$  1 Salma is equal to 7 Bushels (Imperial Measure)  $\gamma$  Gallons and 3 pints.

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

LONG MEASURE.

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

For Cloth, Lines, Cotton Stow &c.

- P 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  Palmi make an English Yard, and
- 12 Palmi in length and 1 in thickness make a *trotta* 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 Salm.
- The Salm is equal to 4 44 English Acres

LIQUID MEASURE 1.

									<i>Mezza Pinta</i>
								<i>Pinta</i>	2
								<i>Terzo</i>	4
								<i>Mezzo</i>	8
		<i>Quartuccio</i>	2	4	8	16			16
		<i>Mezza Quartara</i>	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	19	38	76			152
		<i>Quartara</i>	2	19	38	76			304
	B <i>Barile</i>	2	4	38	76	152			608
	<i>Pipa</i>	11	22	44	418	836			6,688
	<i>Botte</i>	2	22	44	88	836			13,376
									6,688
									3,344
									1,672

B The Barrel is about equal to 9 37 Imperial Gallons.

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

LIQUID MEASURE 2.

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

\* A Cafiso is about equal to 4 38 Imperial Gallons.

For Oil and Milk.