

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.

As received from the Chamber of Commerce  
1855.

	At days	Average	1855 compared with 1854.		Exchange.
			1855	1854	
London	Government 30	50 $\frac{1}{2}$ 94	50 $\frac{1}{4}$ 500	1/6. 576	Pound p. Spanish 2
	Commerce 90	50 $\frac{1}{2}$ 105	51 $\frac{1}{4}$ 250	9/8. 75	
Marseilles	Government 10	113,968	112,500	1,468	Grains p. French 3
	Commerce 30	114,549	112,750	1,799	
	do 90	112,340	111,750	1,590	
Lyon	do 30	96,539	92,750	3,789	Grains p. French Lira
do 90	95,169	92,750	3,109		
Geneva	do 30	113,571	112,750	1,571	Grains p. French Lira
do 90	112,354	111,500	1,854		
Triest	do 30	24,854	210	31,854	Grains p. French Lira
do 90	23,823	200	31,823		
Naples	do 21	26,461	24,750	1,711	Grains p. French Lira
Messina	do 21	78,756	74,250	4,506	Grains p. French Lira

A. 1 Lira 1/10 English  
B. 1 Grain 1/10

## COINS.

By an Order of Her Majesty in Council bearing date 13<sup>th</sup> August 1855 and Proclaimed in this Island on the 11<sup>th</sup> October of the same year. British Coins are the sole legal tender for payment, at the rates and subject to the limitation specified in a similar Order of Her Majesty made with the advice of Her Privy Council on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 1850.

Secretary of State's Dispatch No. 96 Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> 1855

AMOUNT OF COIN IN CIRCULATION.

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about \$ 500,000.

## AMOUNT OF PAPER CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION.

There is a Paper Currency in circulation consisting of Notes of the two Banks (established in 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.

The Amount of British Paper Currency is very trifling.

## ACCOUNTS KEPT IN.

Government In Sterling  
Commerce In Sterling and  
Maltese Currency. (Pounds)

## WEIGHTS.

## WEIGHTS No. 1.

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

For Gold, Silver, Pearls, Precious Stones &amp;c.

( 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.

## WEIGHTS No. 2.

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

For all descriptions of dry Goods.

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

MEASURES.

DRY MEASURE.

					Lunini	
				$\frac{1}{2}$ 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  $7\frac{1}{2}$  Bushels Imperial Measure.

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

LONG MEASURE.

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

- P 34 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 Salm.
- The Salm is equal to 4.44 English Acres

For Cloth, Lanes, Cotton Stone &c.

LIQUID MEASURE 1.

								Mezza Pinta			
								Pinta	2		
								Terzo	2	4	
								Mezzo	2	4	8
			Quartuccio	2	4	8				16	
		Mezza Quartara	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	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.

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

LIQUID MEASURE 2.

							Quartini			
							Misura	4		
							Terzo	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	10	
							Mezzo	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 Oil and Milk.