

Specify each separate Tax or Duty.	Amount collected in the Year 18 in Pounds Sterling			Amount collected in the Year 18 in Pounds Sterling			Increase in Pounds Sterling.			Decrease in Pounds Sterling.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Customs	76,492	8	11	85,692	9	7	A 9,200	-	8			
Quarantine Dues	31	6	9	30	19	6					-	7
Land Sales	3709	3	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	370	16	3 $\frac{1}{2}$				B 3418	7	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Land Revenue	9787	1	3	10,724	1	1	C 936	19	10			
Rents, exclusive of Land.	17,310	10	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	17,251	6	- $\frac{1}{2}$				D	59	4
Licenses	1404	15	-	1,374	5	-				E	30	10
Postage (on certain ship letters inwards).	70	16	11	73	4	4		2	7	5		
Fines, Forfeitures and Fees of Court	6,700	6	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	5,519	17	2 $\frac{1}{2}$				F	1,180	8
Fees of Office	523	4	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	521	10	5					1	13
Sale of Government Property	2,204	15	11	182	15	6 $\frac{1}{2}$				G	2,022	-
Reimbursements in aid of Expenses	752	6	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	759	13	3 $\frac{1}{2}$		7	6	11 $\frac{1}{2}$		
SPECIAL RECEIPTS.												
Rents of Pious Foundations	2,596	6	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	2,902	7	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	H	306	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$		
Interest of Money lent by the Monte di Pietà on pledges	1074	7	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,247	1	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	I	172	14	9 $\frac{1}{2}$		
From casual services as specified in page 24, of the respective books.	361	4	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	61	8	4						
<i>Agio on Opium</i>	673	3	4	26	12	4 $\frac{1}{2}$					J	946
Total	123,771	17	- $\frac{1}{2}$	126,738	8	5		10,625	10	9 $\frac{1}{2}$		7,658

Cause of Increase or Decrease.
(when exceeding £ 10.)

- A.** Notwithstanding the continued high prices of provisions, the consuming excisable imports has been upheld by the large affluence of consumers occasioned by the war, and by the profits derived by the labouring classes from the same source, which has also tended to increase the tonnage dues, in the number of vessels discharging coals and other merchandise.
- B. G.** No less a sum than £ 5,439-2. was derived last year from sales of building sites and of a Government building, the proceeds of which sales were destined for particular objects, as explained in Notes **C** and **H** in page 27 of the Book for the Year 1854.
- C. H.** The landed property suffered last year considerable abatements of rent, from losses occasioned by the drought of 1853. In other respects, the rent rolls have not undergone any material change, taken in the whole.
- D.** Windmills have in some instances suffered a declension of value; but taking the total rental of the two branches, under this head and that of Land Revenue, it stands nearly the same as at the end of last year, being reduced from £ 28,055.19.5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to £ 28,054.10.11. Difference 41.2.6 $\frac{1}{2}$
- E.** No particular cause can be assigned for this decrease.
- F.** A new Table of Court Fees has been in operation since the 1st August 1855. How far this has affected the receipts of the year, which are always very fluctuating in the several Courts, cannot be stated.
- G.** See with **B.** — **H.** See with **C.**
- I.** This is entirely casual, depending on the number and value of the pledges redeemed from pawn.
- J.** The receipts under the casual unestimated heads of revenue cannot come into explanatory yearly comparison. They can only be compared by their respective yearly totals.

Net Increase £ 2,966.11.4 $\frac{1}{4}$

No. in Estimates	Specify each separate Head of Expenditure.	Expenditure 1854 in Pounds Sterling.			Expenditure 1855 in Pounds Sterling.			Increase in Pounds Sterling.			Decrease in Pounds Sterling.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1.	Establishments, namely,												
	Fixed Establishment	47,926	10	12½	48,335	11	7½				A	52	10 11½
	Provisional and Temporary . . .	5,738	14	7	5,276	14	8½						
	Allowances	1267	15	3	1,201	3	5	B	13	0	2		
	Office Contingencies	1529	6	7½	1639	10	8½	B	100	12	7½		
2.	Pensions, Retired Allowances and Gratuities	13,744	4	8½	11,956	14	2½				C	1787	10 6½
3.	Revenue Services, exclusive of E-establishments	3,075	6	2½	1,445	17	4½				D	1,429	0 10
4.	Administration of Justice exclusive of Establishments	391	11	10½	396	3	2½	B	4	11	3½		
5.	Ecclesiastical, exclusive of Establishments	71	5	2	97	14	9	B	26	11	7		
6.	Charitable Allowances	3,915	3	9½	4,002	3	7	B	72	19	3½		
7.	Education, exclusive of Establishments	693	12	7	686	14	7½				B	6	18 8½
8.	Hospitals, exclusive of Establishments	12,382	-	2	13,734	9	2	F	1,352	9	-		
9.	Police and Gaol, exclusive of Establishments	1,484	5	9½	1,512	6	1½	B	28	-	4		
10.	Rent	266	17	8½	281	0	6	B	14	10	9½		
11.	Transport	422	5	5	440	10	2½	B	18	4	9½		
12.	Conveyance of Mails	32	1	8	35	-	-	B	2	18	4		
13.	Works and Buildings	12,847	17	2	7,730	5	6½				G	5,117	11 7½
14.	Roads, Streets and Bridges	15,500	13	9	8,935	5	10½				G	6,645	7 10½
15.	Miscellaneous Services	512	0	5½	100	12	4½				H	411	16 1½
16.	Interest	3,682	6	1	2,838	5	3½				I	844	- 9½
17.	Contribution towards Military Expenditure	6,200	-	-	6,200	-	-						
18.	Burthens on Property	538	11	2½	1,469	6	3½	J	930	15	1½		
19.	Drawbacks and Refund of Duties . .	5,872	14	9	5,092	7	11				K	780	6 10
20.	Council of Government	803	10	11	372	12	0				L	430	18 3
21.	Special Services under control of the Secretary of State	1,274	3	9	870	17	11½				M	503	5 9½
	<i>Dissemination of places aboutling on the fortification</i>	1,150	0	1½	2,276	12	9½	N	1,126	4	5		
	Total	144,303	15	10	127,004	17	2½		3711	5	0½	18,010	4 3½

Cause of Increase or Decrease.

- A. The actual decrease in permanent yearly rate, as shown on the schedules of Establishments is £ 95. 16. 4. (£ 54,058. 16. 11 reduced to £ 53,963. - 4)
- B. In the greater part accidental, according to the varying exigencies of the Service.
- C. The result of pensions fallen in, new ones granted, former arrears paid and current pensions left unpaid. At the same time, the pension list is in the course of gradual reduction in total yearly rate.
- D. Of the provision for 1855 on account of the dredging service for deepening the Harbour, £ 1000 remained to be expended in 1856. In 1854 £ 337. 9. 11. were expended for a life boat and Manby's apparatus. For the rest, see note B.
- E. The year 1854 received in aid of £ 370 from an unexpended balance of 1853, and the year 1855 has been charged with £ 831. 7. 5. for six years' previous consular expenses in Alexandria for maintenance of distressed Maltese throats. Consequently, the comparison of current yearly expenditure is much in favour of the year 1855.
- F. The year 1855. bears a charge of £ 639. 6. - 1/2 incurred in 1854 in consequence of the prevalence of Cholera. For the rest of the increase, it is to be attributed to the high prices of articles of food, extended through the whole year.
- G. Depending chiefly upon the appropriations made from acquired surplus revenue, to works of public utility.
- H. Various extraordinary charges borne by the year 1855. In the year 1854, nothing beyond what is usual.
- I. The year 1854 bore a large payment for accumulated arrears.
- J. Pay-day at the end of December transferred to the beginning of January to accord with the general system of the Service. This transfer took place from 1854. to 1855. having lightened the expense of the former year without aggravating the charge of the latter one.
- K. Accidental.
- L. The year 1855 bore extraordinary charges connected with the formation of new Codes of law.
- M. The limit is £ 1000 a year, any unexpended portion of which is reserved for the expense of the Maltese Militia: the cause of difference is therefore merely the years in which the payments may happen to be made.
- N. The payments under this head being made from an acquired fund, specifically devoted to the object, the years in which the payments may happen to fall is immaterial in a financial point of view.
- Net Decrease £ 14,298. 18. 7 1/2

ABSTRACT OF THE CASH ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 1855.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Funds remained 31st December 1854	49,568.	12.	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	Expenditure . £ 127,004.	17.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	204,337.
Revenue . . . £ 126,730.	0.	5	Payments on Ac-	count Current . . . 77,332.	19.	10	
Receipts on Ac-				Remaining in Cash 31st Decem-			
count Current . . . 110,148.	17.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	236,397.	ber 18			21,918.
			236,397.				1.
			<u>286,255.</u>				<u>286,255.</u>
			10.				1.

FINANCIAL STATE, 31st December 1855.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Effects {	Cash	81,918.	1.	-	Debts—Deposits	54,710.	12.
	Advances	2,795.	2.	-	Surplus Capital	30,002.	10.
							7 $\frac{1}{2}$
			<u>84,713.</u>				<u>84,713.</u>
			3.				1.

STATE OF THE AVAILABLE SURPLUS, 31st December 1855.

Surplus Capital, as above shown	£ 30,002.	10.	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Deduct {	Amount of revenue collected in December, reserved to meet the expenditure for that month, payable in January 1856	£ 9,525.	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Reserved for works in progress or uncommenced, and for services remaining to be defrayed under previous estimates	16,213.	11.
			25,738.
			12.
Available Surplus	£ 4,263.	10.	7 $\frac{1}{2}$