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**GRANTS OF LAND.**

1877.

## RETURN OF LANDS GRANTED

District	Number of Grants under 100 Acres		Number of Grants above 100 and not exceeding 500 Acres		Grants exceeding 500 acres		
	Number of Grants	Number of Acres	Number of Grants	Number of Acres	Name of Grantee	Extent of Grant	
<b>MALTA.</b>							
Valletta . . . . .	1	} 1½					
Floriana . . . . .	—						
Three Cities . . . . .	—						
<i>Country.</i>							
1st District . . . . .	—						
2nd do. . . . .	1						
3rd do. . . . .	1						
4th do. . . . .	7						
5th do. . . . .	—						
6th do. . . . .	—						
7th do. . . . .	—						
Gozo. . . . .	5						
	15	1½	..	..	.. ..	.. ..	

## AND SOLD DURING THE YEAR 1877.

Total Number of Grants 1877.	Total Number of Acres granted 1877.	Whether by Grant or Purchase	Where sold the Average Price per Acre	Total Number of Acres granted	Total Number of Acres sold	Total Number of Acres that remain ungranted
15	1½	Purchase	£ 26			
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## Statement of all Houses and other Crown Property for which no rent, or a

Description of tenement and where situated	Value of annual rent			By whom occupied					
	£	s.	d.						
House, 227 strada Mercanti ..	—	—	—	<b>Part 1. Wholly rent free</b>					
Do. 22 strada Ponente ..	12	0	0	Roman Catholic Priests ( <i>in course of reconstruction</i> )					
Palace, strada Reale .. ..	—	—	—	Cutajar, Very Rev. Canon Felice .. ..					
House, piazza S. Giorgio ..	—	—	—	Governor's residence .. ..					
House and gardens, St. Antonio	—	—	—	Garrison Library .. ..					
House, 13 strada Zaccaria ..	14	0	0	.. ..					
Do. 84 & 85 scesa Marina ..	15	0	0	Tonna, Rev. Giovanni .. ..					
Do. Sarria, Floriana .. ..	15	0	0	Borg, Rev. Francesco .. ..					
Selmun Castle.. .. .	—	—	—	Vidal, Very Rev. Canon Calcedonio .. ..					
House at Marfa .. .. .	—	—	—	.. ..					
Palace Verdala, Boschetto ..	—	—	—	.. ..					
House at Chambray, Gozo ..	12	0	0	.. ..					
	68	0	0						
				<b>Part 2. In the nature of Pensions</b>					
House, 117D. strada Cristoforo	24	0	0	Pace, Giuseppe .. ..					
				<b>Part 3. Allotted</b>					
Living Sta. Ubaldesca .. ..	1	13	4	Bologna, Rev. Carmelo .. ..					
				<b>Part 4. Compensation</b>					
Mezzanino, 196 strada Forni .	8	0	0	Vella, Dr. Paolo .. ..		at what rent			
Shop, 5 scesa Marina .. ..	8	0	0			Fenech, F. M. .. ..		£	s.
						0	8	0	
						—	—	—	
						—	8	—	

rent inferior in value, is claimed on the part of the Civil Government.

In what capacity or for what consideration	Date and particulars of authority
<b>in virtue of Office.</b>	
For attending poor people dying .. .. .	{ May 28, 1810. During pleasure
As Chaplain of Pilar Chapel .. .. .	Attached to the Chapel
.. .. .	.. .. .
.. .. .	July 3, 1853
.. .. .	.. .. .
As Sexton of Santa Caterina Chapel.. .. .	February 24, 1871
As Chaplain of Liesse Chapel.. .. .	Attached to the Chapel
As Chaplain of Sarria Chapel.. .. .	Do. Do.
.. .. .	.. .. .
.. .. .	.. .. .
.. .. .	.. .. .
Reserved for the public service .. .. .	June 23, 1866
<b>or for other Services.</b>	
For his father's services .. .. .	March 20, 1835. For life
<b>for Charity.</b>	
In consideration of the smallness of the living as compared with the duties resting upon the incumbent .. .. .	March 7, 1874
<b>for other Property.</b>	
As a compensation for a garden of which his father had the enjoyment rent free, and from which was removed by Government in 1808, to be annexed to the St. Antonio garden ..	May 20, 1811
To be enjoyed, rent free, during the lives of Francesco and Maria Teresa Fenech, in lieu of a stall in scesa Marina of which they had the enjoyment by decree dated 23 August 1784.	February 5, 1862

List of persons paying rent for premises occupied by them, but receiving the amount of such rent, or a part of the same, from the Government Treasury under the Head of Minor Pensions.

Name of Tenant	Description of Tenement and where situated	Rent paid by tenant			Rent received from the Treasury			Value of annual rent			
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
<b>Valletta.</b>											
Borg Maria . . .	Room, 127 strada Britannica . .	1	13	4	4	6	8	6	0	0	
Grech, Barbara . .	Mezzanino, 126 strada Cristoforo	7	0	0	5	0	0	12	0	0	
Vella, Francesco .	Room, 9 Macello Vecchio . . .	—	—	—	3	0	0	3	0	0	
Borg, Vincenzo . .	Do. 10 do . . .	—	—	—	3	0	0	3	0	0	
Portanier, Sisters .	Mezzanino, 83 strada Ospedale	7	0	0	5	0	0	12	0	0	
<b>Notabile.</b>											
Galea, Antonia . .	Room, strada Magazzini . . .	..	—	—	0	6	0	0	0	0	
		£	15	13	4	20	12	8	36	0	0

## Official Residences of His Excellency the Governor.

Three Buildings are set apart for the use of the Governor,—one in the city of Valletta,—another at a village distant about four miles from Valletta, called “St. Antonio Palace”—and the third one is “Verdala Palace,” about eight miles distant from the city, and occupied as a summer residence.

### PALACE, VALLETTA.

The Palace in Valletta, built in the year 1572, is a square building, covering an area of about two acres, to be kept in a good state of repair from the public funds. One of the halls in the upper story of this building is appropriated as the Council Room; and the apartments, independently of the State Rooms, the Ancient Armoury, the Office of the Governor, and of his Private Secretary, form the residence of His Excellency the Governor.

The basement story is occupied by the Offices of the Chief Secretary to Government, the Cashier of the Treasury, the Collector of Land Revenue, the Comptroller of Charitable Institutions, the Superintendent of the Printing Office, the Government Press, the Registrar of the Public Registry, the Crown Advocate, and by that of the Assistant Military Secretary.

### PALACE “St. ANTONIO.”

The Palace of St. Antonio, built in about 1630, is now unused, in consequence of its great heat as a residence; it has a garden attached to it containing about eleven acres of land, and is kept in a good state of repair from the public funds. The gardens are a place of public resort, their vicinity to the town offering an agreeable walk to the inhabitants of Valletta.

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*N.B.*—The above-mentioned Buildings, formerly the residence of the Grand Masters, contained valuable furniture, and several paintings, some of which have disappeared, and the remainder, being much deteriorated from decay, and requiring to be replaced, a sum of £ 4,946 6 9 was expended during the years 1866 to 1877, towards restoring and renewing a portion thereof. This work will be continued during 1878 and in subsequent years, as recommended by a special Committee appointed by the Council of Government to that effect, in their Report dated 30th May 1866.

### PALACE “VERDALA ”

The house is only partially furnished, and during the summer months, when it is occasionally occupied by the Governor, additional furniture from the Palace of Valletta is removed into it. The gardens and lands attached are also, like St. Antonio Gardens, a place of public resort. Much requires to be done to bring them into a proper condition.

REMARKS ON SQUATTING.

There is no squatting in these Islands.