

weight on English, Portuguese and American Gold; and two pence 2½ of a penny on Spanish and French. Payments in Gold above £50 may be made in bulk; English, Portuguese and American, at 50s. per ounce; French and Spanish at 87s. 8½. deducting half a grain for each piece.

To turn Sterling into Currency, add one ninth part of the Sterling sum to itself, and the amount will be Currency.

To turn Currency into Sterling; subtract one-tenth part of the sum Currency from itself, and the remainder will be sterling.

To turn American money, viz. dollars, cents and mills, into Currency; divide the sum by 4; the quotient will be pounds and decimal parts of a pound, which decimal parts must be reduced to shillings, pence and farthings in the usual way. Thus 191 dollars and 74 cents divided by 4 equals £47,935 decimals; which, 935 decimals reduced to shillings, pence and mills, is 18s. 8½. So 191 dollars and 74 cents is equal to £47 18s. 8½ Currency.

To turn Currency into dollars and cents, is the reverse of the above viz. Reduce the shillings, pence and farthings in the given sum to the decimals of a pound, annex the decimals to the pounds, and multiply by 4 the product will be the amount in dollars, cents and mills. Thus £47 18s. 8½ expressed decimally stands thus, £47,935; which multiplied by 4 equals 191 dollars and 74 cents.

A CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE

OF REMARKABLE ÆRAS & EVENTS,

[Continued from last year's Almanac.]

After Christ.

- 1649 Charles I. beheaded Jan 30.
- 1654 The Steam Engine, by far the most sublime display of human mechanical genius, was invented by the Marquis of Worcester.
- 1658 Cromwell died.
- 1660 King Charles II. is restored to the government of England.
- 1662 The Royal Society established in London.
- 1688 The revolution in England begins.
- 1793 Bank of England established.
- 1704 Gibraltar taken from the Spaniards by the English.
- 1706 The Treaty of Union signed between England and Scotland.
- 1707 The first British Parliament.
- 1715 Rebellion in Scotland.
- 1716 The first appearance of the Aurora Borealis, on the Northern Lights.
- 1727 Inoculation first tried on criminals.
- 1744 Anson circumnavigates the world.
- 1746 Rebellion in favour of the pretender in Scotland, is defeated.
- 1752 The New Style established in Great Britain; the 3d September being counted the 14th.
- 1759 Quebec is taken by the British, under General Wolfe.
- 1763 The Provinces of Canada and other important territories in North America, are confirmed to G. Britain by treaty.
- 1765 Otaheite in the South Sea discovered.
- 1773 The Jesuits expelled from the Pope's dominions.
The British American Colonies deny the right of the British Parliament to tax them.
- 1775 War commences between G. Britain and her English North American Colonies.
- 1776 The North American Colonies declare themselves free and independent states, under the stile of the United States of America July 4th.