COMPARATIVE TABLE, in Olympic stades, Italian leagues, Italian miles and modern geographical or nautical miles of the length of the Equator and of a degree of a great circle of the Earth, as accepted by the chief geographical authorities in ancient and mediæval times and at the period of the discovery of America.

AUTHORITIES.	STADES.		**Nautical miles.**		ITALIAN LEAGUES.		ITALIAN MILES.	
	Equatorial circumference.	Each degree.	**Equatorial circumference**	**Each degree.**	Equatorial circumference.	Each degree	Equatorial circumference.	Each degree.
Estimations in excess of truth.								
Aristotle ..... B.C. 342	400,000	1111·1	**40,000**	**111·1**	12,500	34·7	50,000	138·8
Archimedes ..... B.C. 214	300,000	833.3	**30,000**	**83·3**	9,375	26·0	37,500	104·1
a. Eratosthenes ..... B.C. 240								
Hipparchus ..... B.C. 160								
Strabo ..... B.C. 24	252,000	700·0	**25,200**	**70**	7,875	21·875	31,500	87·5
Pliny ..... A.D. 52								
b. Jaime Ferrer ..... A.D. 1493								
c. Posidonius ..... B.C. 86	240,000	666·6	**24,000**	**66·6**	7,500	20·8	30,000	83·3
d. Pytheas of Marseilles ..... B.C. 340	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Present estimate (for comparison)	**216,000**	**600**	**21,600**	**60**	**6.750**	**18·75**	**27,000**	**75**
Estimations below the truth.								
e. Magellan ..... A.D. 1518								
f. Enciso (practical opinion) ..... A.D. 1519								
Sebastian Cabot (at Badajoz) ... A.D. 1524								
Thomas Duran (at Badajoz) .... A.D. 1524	201,600	560	**20,160**	**56**	6,300	17·5	25,200	70
Juan Vespucci (at Badajoz) .... A.D. 1524								
g. Saragossa Convention ..... A.D. 1527								
Champlain ..... A.D. 1632								
g. Spain and Portugal convention . A.D. 1681								
Opinion, *circa* A.D. 1500, in round numbers of Italian leagues and miles	192,000	533·3	**19,200**	**53·33**	6,000	16·66	24,000	66·66
c. Posidonius (later opinion) ..... B.C.								
Marinus of Tyre, *circa* ..... A.D. 120	180,000	500	**18,000**	**50**	5,625	15·625	22,500	62·5
Ptolemy, *circa* ..... A.D. 150								
Opinions based on Arabian measurements.								
Friar Bacon ..... A.D. 1267								
Cardinal D'Ailly ..... A.D. 1410								
Christopher Columbus ..... A.D. 1492	163,200	453·33	**16,320**	**45·33**	5,100	14·17	20,400	56·67
Fernan Columbus ..... A.D. 1524								